

Fine day predicted for walk

TORONTO — The United Jewish Appeal fifth annual walkathon will take place this Sunday, May 19. That's the word from walkathon officials who were forced to postpone the event last Sunday because of bad weather.

A long-range forecast indicates that the weather will be fine on this day and it's expected that the thousands of walkers who were all set to go last week will be on hand at Lawrence Plaza, Bathurst and Lawrence, where the walk begins at 8:15 a.m.

"We realize that May 19 is part of the first long weekend of the season," said a UJA official. "But we are certain that the kids and their parents will be happy to give up the day to their share for Israel."

The UJA switchboard was swamped with calls from disappointed would-be walkers on Monday morning wanting to know when the walkathon would be held. Almost all insisted that it be held soon because they had sponsors lined up and wanted to earn the money promised. Many had even collected from their sponsors in advance.

Decision to cancel the walk last Sunday came early in the morning because of a heavy downpour of rain which continued throughout the day. Local radio stations were notified and by 7 a.m. the news was broadcast and repeated for the next couple of hours.

Nevertheless, some walkers turned up at Lawrence Plaza. Included was a busload of youngsters from Kingston, Ont., who were up at 4 a.m. to get to Toronto on time. Each was sponsored at 95¢ per mile and all wanted to make the walk — in one way or another. Arrangements were made for them to walk around the indoor track at the south 'Y'. Before starting their trek at the 'Y' they were fed by the Lubavitcher youth organization which had prepared 2,500 sandwiches to be sold along the walk route.

A number of Russian Jews now living in Toronto were disappointed the walk had been cancelled. "What's a little rain?" asked one, who had faced considerable danger in getting out of Russia.

It is hoped that 10,000 walkers will participate and raise at least \$100,000. Those who walk the full 22 miles will receive a certificate at the final checkpoint at the north 'Y'.



PRETTY AS A PICTURE

Liette Loranger, 27, displays a couple of the 45 paintings of Canadian artist Zoltan Szabo, which will be sold by auction on May 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tabachnick. All money from the sale of the paintings will go to Israel. Szabo, a Hungarian-born painter now living in Sault Ste. Marie, decided after the Yom Kippur War he wanted to do something for Israel, so he donated the paintings. The auction has been organized by a committee made up of community leaders Albert Latner, Murray B. Koffler, George Cohen and Tabachnick. (Brian Willer)

Congress to launch fight in Quebec to obtain subsidies for education

By MARK MEDICOFF
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MONTREAL —

Murray B. Spiegel, Eastern Region chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, has declared Congress' intention to fight "damned hard" for subsidies, notwithstanding his own analysis that Jewish education in Quebec ultimately is "at the mercy and whim" of the government in power.

"We're going to go to Prime Minister Bourassa and to Education Minister Cloutier... your Jewish community leaders are not

asleep at the switch," Spiegel told an audience of over 200 last weekend, referring to the accusations, hurled at the major community organizations during the turbulent and controversial CJC conference of March 31.

He was speaking as a co-panelist with lawyers David Kirshenblatt and Daniel Kingstone at a teach-in on the current situation in the province vis-a-vis government aid to Jewish day schools.

Clearly and firmly, Spiegel stated Congress' position: "We believe in maxi-

mum diffusion of the French language, our youngsters must be able to take their place in a changing Quebec society — but not by methods of coercion."

The lawyer stressed that the Jewish day schools are a private school system, and as such their only legal recourse in terms of government funding is Bill 56.

"Saying that Jewish education is a right or a privilege doesn't make it either. Our government lives by rule of law and presently no law supports the subvention of Jewish day schools as a legal right," he said.

Under Bill 56, Quebec subverts two categories of private schools: those that are declared by the minister of education to be "of public interest," and those

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Notice

The Canadian Jewish News office will be closed on Monday, May 20, Victoria Day. The display and classified advertising deadline for the May 24 edition was Thursday, May 16 at 2 p.m.

Beth Tzedec occupants disciplined

Three rabbis are expelled by vote of rabbinical body

MIAMI, N.Y. (JTA) —

Newly-appointed Beth Tzedec chief rabbi Benjamin Friedberg was among three rabbis expelled last week from the Rabbinical Assembly.

The expulsions of Rabbis Friedberg, Gershon Winer, a U.S. rabbi now settled in Israel, and George Gershon Rosenstock of Chicago were approved by the overwhelming majority of more than 1,000 delegates at the RA convention. The expulsions had been recommended earlier by the RA executive council.

Rabbis Winer and Friedberg were expelled for rabbinical service to Beth Tzedec Congregation of Toronto, Canada's largest synagogue, which has been without a senior rabbi since the congregation's board of governors dismissed Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg in January 1973.

RA President Rabbi Judah Nadich told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the two rabbis had violated the RA's code of ethics. He also said Rabbi Rosenstock was expelled for officiating at a mixed marriage in Iowa, and was the first member in the history of RA to be expelled for such officiating.

The RA had ruled, after Rabbi Rosenberg's dismissal, that he remain spiritual leader of the congregation and the pulpit continue to be "not vacant." Under the ruling, no RA member could carry out any rabbinical function without the express invitation of Rabbi Rosenberg or the express approval of the Joint Placement Commission of the RA, the United Synagogue of America, and the Jewish Theological Seminary which have been seeking for more than a year to resolve the dispute.

Rabbi Nadich told the JTA that the Placement Commission had not taken any position on the merits of the Beth Tzedec dispute but said both parties had to agree to binding arbitration without conditions. Rabbi Rosenberg responded to his dismissal by filing lawsuits for damages against the congregational board and individual members totalling \$2.5 million. Rabbi Nadich said that Rabbi Rosenberg agreed to arbitration without conditions but that the board of governors did not.

Rabbi Winer led the High Holy Days services in 1973 at Beth Tzedec during one of his regular visits to North America. Rabbi Friedberg, one of several rabbis, who led services at Beth Tzedec in recent weeks, was named senior rabbi by the board of governors on May 2. Rabbi Nadich said Rabbi Winer had defended his action at a hearing of the RA committee on ethical practices but was found guilty. The RA executive council recommended his expulsion.

Rabbi Rosenstock also refused to appear before the committee on the mixed marriage officiating charge. Rabbi Nadich said. He noted there was no appeal from the rulings of the RA convention, the highest body

in the Conservative rabbinical groups agreed here that both organizations should oppose changes in Israel's Law of Return that would further weaken the status of Conservative and Reform rabbis, particularly in the areas of conversion.

Rabbi Nadich and Rabbi Robert I. Kahn of Houston, Texas, president of the Reform Central Conference of American Rabbis, agreed the Orthodox rabbinate in Israel was attempting to use

the present Israeli internal political crisis to create a religious monopoly, excluding the Conservative and Reform rabbis. The present Israeli Law of Return automatically gives Israeli citizenship to all Jews emigrating to Israel, including those converted to Judaism. The proposed amendment would limit this citizenship and right of return to those converted only under Orthodox auspices.

Wage fight for key posts

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The contest for the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization, Executives is taking on added interest here as it becomes increasingly evident that the Labor Party intends to put up a stiff fight to retain the dual post. The chairman, succeeding the late Louis Pincus, will be chosen by the Jewish Agency General Assembly when it convenes here in June.

Up to now, acting chairman Leon Dulzin seemed to many almost certain of elec-

tion in view of his wide experience, his creditable performance since Pincus' death and his popularity among Jewish Agency people. But Dulzin belongs to the Likud and the Labor Party seems determined to prevent the most prestigious and important non-governmental post from falling into opposition hands. It could easily do this, observers say, if Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir agrees to become a candidate for the Jewish Agency-WZO chairmanship.

Another name mentioned for the Jewish Agency-WZO post is Foreign Minister Abba Eban, whose participation in the next government is doubtful. Relations between Eban and the new party leader, Yitzhak Rabin are reportedly strained. Eban would have difficulty serving in a Rabin government and it is unlikely that Rabin would ask him. Leadership of the Jewish Agency and the WZO would seem to be the only job available matching the Foreign Minister's talents and international stature.



For the last two weeks, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has been shuffling between Jerusalem and Arab capitals seeking a disengagement between Israel and Syria. To his left is his wife, Nancy. To his right are Mr. and Mrs. Abba Eban. (Israel Sun photo)

Landsmanshaften devoted to all out aid for Israel

TORONTO —

Whatever their lands of origin, members of Toronto's landsmanshaften organizations share one deep commitment — to do their maximum for Israel in her struggle to restore and rebuild the country's economic strength.

One after another, these devoted supporters of Israel have mobilized their members at special Bond events, canvassed them individually to increase their loan-dollars for Israel, and have in addition provided funds through their participation in synagogue appeals at Yiskor services and congregation dinners held in recent weeks.

Understandably, the plight

and needs of Israel's new immigrants from Soviet Russia and other countries of Jewish oppression strike a deeply responsive chord within the hearts of fraternal organization members. For this reason also, the specific uses to which Israel Bond funds are put have real meaning for them — in the creation of jobs in industry, agriculture and other branches of the economy.

On an average, it requires an investment of \$10,000 to create a job for an immigrant head of the family. And over and above all this, for landsmanshaften members, is their desire to reaffirm the spirit of Jewish solidarity, and assume their

rightful share of responsibility in safe-guarding Israel's survival and future.

Special events on the community Israel Bond calendar for the coming weeks include Bond breakfasts and dinners, preceded by parlor meetings hosted by individual members, undertaken by the following groups: Stashover Society, Drildzer Y.M. Society, Kielcer, Zaglember, Lodgzer, Chenstochover, and Borochov societies. New dates and events are being added to the calendar each week, as the full roster of landsmanshaften organizations finalizes their Bond campaign plans for 1974. These will be announced shortly.

Those were the good old days when life at Harbord flourished

By BRIAN STONEMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

There was a time now long gone when Harbord Collegiate would be virtually an empty shell on a Jewish holiday. With an enrolment of nearly 900 Jewish students drawn from the Bathurst-Harbord area, the classrooms were all but deserted on Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah and some of the lesser holy days.

The northward shift in Jewish population which began in the 1950s saw a sharp dwindling of Jewish enrolment at Harbord. Today, Jewish students number about 5%.

Built in 1892, when the grandfathers of the present generation of doctors and lawyers, architects and businessmen were hacking out a meagre living in the shabby stores, or pushing handwagons, Harbord Collegiate — the present building, that is — will be razed on the ground that it is obsolete. In its place will

rise what some former students say will be a sterile, characterless building. The Toronto Board of Education has decided it would be too costly to renovate the architecturally beautiful structure and so demolition is on the way.

Three generations of graduates passed through Harbord's portals and they imparted a strongly Jewish flavor to the school's atmosphere. Many were uninhibited characters with a zest for life that sometimes conflicted with school regulations. They were the children of parents who had a reverence for education and saw to it that their offspring would be equipped for the battles to come. Razing of the old building will recall to many graduates the years they spent acquiring an education, not all of it from books.

Not all Harbord's alumni went on to great things in life, but many did. Louis Rasminsky, former governor of the Bank of Canada, comedians Wayne and Shuster, lawyer Edward Good-

man, former national president of the Progressive Conservative Party; veteran politician — Zionist leader Phil Givens and Stephen Lewis, leader of Ontario's New Democratic Party, are some of the graduates who have achieved prominence since those Harbord days. There are many others scattered across Canada, and the news that the old school is soon to be no more will unleash nostalgic memories of old times, old friendships, old adventures.

Lunchtimes in the dinky basement of the three-storey building were occasions to remember. There were the arguments, the fights, the plots hatched, the rivalries between groups. They even had a strike at Harbord back in the early 1950s when the majority of students walked out in protest over the suspension of a schoolmate who had committed the "crime" of waving an athletic supporter in front of an assembly.

There is going to be a Harbord

Homecoming '74 on June 1, and hundreds of graduates are expected to return to the old school to take part in what is expected to be a gathering swimming in nostalgia. "Remember when..." will be words heard on all sides as the past is recalled.

"We want to recreate a feeling we all had when we went there," said Mrs. Carol Bloom, an organizer of the event. "At Harbord, one was an individual and not a number." The 35-year-old former Girl's Athletic Association president told The Canadian Jewish News.

A long-time friend of hers and co-organizer, Sandra Burke, added they were trying to get across to their non-Harbordite mates their feelings for the school.

In their comfortable Willowdale homes, the two 1957 graduates, along with the rest of the homecoming committee, are planning the party, which they hope will attract 1,000 former students, teachers and friends

(the maximum amount of people allowed in, under Board of Education regulations).

The greatest event will be the nostalgia rooms, which will serve as meeting places, said Mrs. Burke, a former Associated Hebrew Day School teacher. They plan a room for each decade since the '20s, and possibly staff and war veterans' rooms. All will be filled with memorabilia from the corresponding period.

The old music and collegiate cheers will be recreated in the gymnasium. An orchestra will back professional entertainers. Food will be provided.

One graduate anticipating the homecoming is Ben Nobleman, a York alderman and supporter of Canadian talent, who graduated in 1944. Fondly remembering his active participation in activities like the school's war salvage committee, Nobleman told The CJN: "At the time, we were too busy studying and trying to get ahead to be involved in

things that would get you into trouble. There was a lot of camaraderie that doesn't exist in schools now."

The success of Harbord's graduates was attributed by Owen Shime, a 1954 graduate and well-known labor arbitrator, to a strong motivation caused by their parents' lower-middle class economic position and consequent urging.

Givens, Canadian Zionist Federation president, elaborated. "Harbord was a pressure cooker. The kids there had to prove something to themselves and their parents. In addition, they had to compensate for a degree of anti-Semitism around at that time... many of them aimed very high and then scored."

The only serious complaint Givens, York-Forest Hill MPP and former Toronto mayor, has of Harbord, is that it makes him feel older.

"We had three championship football teams (in each of his years at Harbord, 1938 to 1940),"

he recalled.

"I had to hide my equipment from my father because as an only child he was protective of me," he said. "When he found it (the equipment) in our garage just before our final game, he wasn't going to let me play but my mother interceded... anyway, I later wound up falling off a horse and having it step on me and break my leg."

York Mayor Philip White, a graduate in 1940, added: "Peer pressure helped push one to his scholastic limit. There was a wonderful school spirit that made Harbord seem like a large family. I formed strong friendships there which have carried on to this day and always have fond memories when I pass by."

"You had to be an achiever if you wanted to fit in," said 1952 graduate Jack Gwartz, a vice-president of Shoppers Drug Mart. "I want to get back and see the many friends I made there," he

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World News



Thousands of school children demonstrate in front of the German embassy in Tel Aviv calling for the release of Beate Klarsfeld, held in Cologne prison since April for illegally returning to Germany. Mrs. Klarsfeld is an avowed Nazi hunter. (Israel Sun photo)

Arrest of Nazi hunter is sharply condemned

PARIS (JTA) —

The French Jewish community has sharply condemned the arrest of Beate Klarsfeld by German authorities near Munich and her detention without bail in a Cologne jail until her trial which is expected to take place late July.

The avowed Nazi hunter was arrested on the eve of Holocaust Memorial Day while attending a demonstration at the site of the former Dachau concentration camp to protest against the Bonn Parliament's delay in ratifying an extradition accord signed three years ago with France. Mrs. Klarsfeld is accused by German authorities of having tried three years ago to kidnap Kurt Lischka, former head of the Gestapo in Paris during the German occupation of France, and bringing him to justice in

France, where a court sentenced him in absentia in September, 1950, to life imprisonment for war crimes. Mrs. Klarsfeld was deported from West Germany and told she would face charges if she returned. In condemning West German authorities for her arrest and incarceration, the French section of the World Jewish Congress recalled that her fundamental aim is "the search for war criminals."

The International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICA) called for Mrs. Klarsfeld's "immediate release" and has set up solidarity committees to support her cause. The Association of Former Jewish Deportees of France declared their solidarity with the anti-Nazi activist and in a communique called for her release and demanded "the Nazi torturers be thrown in

prison in her place."

In Jerusalem, Leon Dulzin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, called on West Germany to free Mrs. Klarsfeld. Dulzin said her activities express deep humanism and solidarity with the Jewish people. Tuvia Friedman, chairman of the International Organization of Jewish Victims of Nazi Crimes, cabled West German President Gustav Heinemann asking for his personal intervention to free Mrs. Klarsfeld.

Other Holocaust survivors organizations and former members of partisan organizations now in Israel also sent cables of protest to the German government. A large group of former concentration camp inmates and resistance fighters demonstrated outside the West German Embassy in Tel Aviv demanding Mrs. Klarsfeld's release.

Mideast situation altered irreversibly, says report

LONDON (JTA) —

In an exhaustive report on the Yom Kippur War released here, the Institute of Strategic Studies concluded that while Egypt and Syria failed to achieve their military goals, their surprise attack on Israel last October irreversibly altered the political and military situation in the Middle East. Increased prospects for a general peace settlement and irrevocably involved the two superpowers — U.S. and USSR — in the fate of the region.

The "greatest shock" of the war, the report said, was the use of the oil weapon by the Arabs which produced "the most potent sense of a new era of any event in recent years" in sharp contrast to the impotence of the League of Nations to constrain Italy and Japan by economic sanctions in the 1930s, and more recently the failure of the United Nations "to force compliance on a state as weak as Rhodesia."

The Institute of Strategic Studies, one of the world's most respected and reliable bodies for the study of war, devoted 42 out of 102 pages in its 1973 report to the Yom Kippur War, its prelude and aftermath. "Perhaps the most encouraging effect of the 1973 war was to break the log-jam of fruitless peace efforts which had prevailed since the beginnings of 1971," the report stated. Both Israel and Egypt "disabused of purely military solutions, now recognized that nothing short of a political settlement could bring peace to the Middle

East."

The report noted: "The two superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States, shared that view and were working to achieve a ceasefire and disengagement of forces. They were probably not too far apart on the shape of a longer term peace arrangement. American policy had previously been

equivocal on the need for a settlement. This was no longer the case. The Soviet Union had been made aware of the dangers inherent in its support for one of the sides in the Middle East conflict."

The survey found that the greatest uncertainty lay in the Israeli position, following the recent general elec-

tions," but observed that "if Israel came to place greater trust in the efficacy of the UN forces, she would see her only real guarantee being provided by the United States. An essential element would obviously be American willingness to ensure that the balance of arms in the Middle East was not tipped against Israel."

Supreme Court confirms jail sentences of spies

JERUSALEM (JCN) —

The Israeli Supreme Court has confirmed in Jerusalem the jail sentences on five members of the joint Israeli and Arab spy ring for Syria, the uncovering of which in December 1972 rocked the country.

The five included Ehud Adiv, a 27-year-old sabra and former paratrooper, and Daoud Turki, a 46-year-old Haifa bookseller, the leader of the Jewish and Arab sections of the ring respectively, who were each jailed in March last year for 17 years. Also at the Haifa trial, Dan Vered, a 29-year-old Jewish mathematics teacher, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, and two other Arabs, Subhi Nairani and Anis Karawi, 29, were each jailed for 15 years.

Altogether six Jews and 26 Arabs received sentences of between 17 years and a few months on charges arising out of the operations of the ring at a series of trials. One Arab was acquitted.

As well as dismissing the appeals of the five men, the Supreme Court also ruled

against the prosecution's plea of the "levity of the sentences." The court harshly criticized some procedures at the trial of the five men.

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By DEBORAH

MONTREAL

The Sephardic community of Montreal is planning to celebrate the 3,500th anniversary of the Jewish people's entry into the Holy Land. The celebration will be held in the city's largest synagogue, the Shaar HaTorah Synagogue, on May 24, 1974. The event will include a series of religious services, a concert, and a reception. Tickets are available for purchase at the synagogue.

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By MOURA

CJN Hamilton

HAMILTON

Champlain College is planning to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the college's founding. The celebration will be held on May 22, 1974, and will include a series of events, including a concert, a reception, and a lecture. Tickets are available for purchase at the college.

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Political pot is boiling

Rabbi Yosef is forced to return home

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

MONTREAL -

The Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, on a whirlwind stop-over in Montreal to publicize the problem of Syria's 3,500 beleaguered Jews, has been forced to cut his visit even shorter than planned in order to return to Israel while government co-

alition negotiations are yet in progress.

Rishon LeZion Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the spiritual leader of approximately three million Sephardic Jews around the world, and his colleague Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren will both continue to be heavily involved in Israel's current political crisis. The Cana-

dian Jewish News was told at a press conference held in his hotel suite.

"In the background of the present government difficulties, the religious question of 'Who is a Jew?' still towers and I expect to be called on to give my views," Rabbi Yosef explained via his translator.

The issue is an urgently burning one right now as new Labor Party leader Yitzhak Rabin sets about seeking to form a stable government.

Following the last Israeli elections when the 54-seat Labor Party, lacking an absolute majority, asked the

10-seat National Religious Party (NRP) to join it in a coalition, the NRP demanded as a condition to amend the legal definition of who is a Jew so as to recognize only Orthodox conversions to Judaism.

This is of great concern primarily to those Canadians and Americans who have been converted by Conservative or Reform rabbis and who wish to become Israeli citizens under the Law of Return.

When the Labor Party offered to compromise -- sug-

gesting that a committee of Knesset members from both the NRP and the Labor Party would consult with rabbis and Jewish spiritual leaders, to arrive within a year at an agreed legislative solution -- the NRP sought the advice of the two chief rabbis.

Both ruled that the compromise suggested was not satisfactory according to Jewish law, but while Rabbi Goren concluded that the NRP therefore should not enter the government, Yosef abstained from a statement on any political implications.

'Sensational' campaign reported

By MOURA WOLPERT

CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON -

Champagne at 10 a.m.? There are some, of course, who take it for granted. Most of us have it only when there's something to celebrate.

That there was something to celebrate was proclaimed by a happily beaming Barbara Epstein as she presided over the champagne-sipping throng of canvassers that had gathered to hear her final report as chairman of the Women's Division, 1974 UJWF Hamilton campaign.

There was loud applause as Mrs. Epstein announced the close of a "remarkably successful campaign" which had raised a total of \$86,260 and which might reach \$90,000 when the few remaining cards were in.

Late in the afternoon of the same day she was able to update that figure to over \$87,000 and to say that "a total of \$90,000 was now virtually certain."

"I thought that if we reached \$80,000 that would be a very good campaign," she told the women "and that it would be exceptional if we reached \$85,000."

She called these results "really quite sensational" and later confessed that "not even in my wildest fantasies, late at night before going to

sleep did I imagine that we could raise \$90,000."

Claire Mandel, national general secretary of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, pointed out that, including all other organizations, the women of Hamilton had raised over a quarter of a million dollars for Israel this year.

In 1973 the Hamilton Women's Division raised approximately \$47,000, increasing the amount to about

\$90,000 during the emergency campaign. Mrs. Epstein said it was "an enormous achievement to have been able to maintain that level of giving the year after the emergency campaign."

"The only way to account for this success is that we asked women to give seriously -- not just a token gift. And we were enormously helped by the fact that so many travelled to Israel re-

cently.

Also, two innovations contributed considerably to the success of the campaign. The first was training sessions for canvassers, the second the formation of a "chat club" for those contributing \$1,000 or more.

One hundred and thirty women were actively engaged in the campaign, canvassing approximately 750 card holders.

Veteran diplomat Varon to address Bonds dinner

TORONTO -

Israel's ambassador-at-large Benjamin Varon, will be special guest speaker at the May 19th Israel Bond Dinner jointly sponsored by B'nai Torah and Beth Jacob Congregations at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

Varon had the unwelcome distinction of being the first Israeli diplomat whom Arab terrorists tried to assassinate back in May 1970.

According to the Encyclopaedia Judaica, he is credited with being one of the architects in gaining support of the decisive Latin American vote in the UN which made the emergence of the state of Israel possible in 1947. He

has served as Israel's first ambassador to a number of Latin American states, and during the Six Day War, he was a trouble shooter to all Caribbean states, and a member of Israel's UN delegation.

Jack Kahn of B'nai Torah and Sam Faivish of Beth Jacob have been spearheading the intensive campaigns to enroll their fellow-members as Shomer Israel (\$1,000 "Guardians of Israel" Bond purchasers) which have met with such success that these two congregations now are in the front ranks of the entire community for the funds they are providing for Israel's beleaguered economy.



Ambassador Benjamin Varon

Honor Sol Kanee

WINNIPEG -

Sol Kanee, national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree at the annual spring convocation of the University of Manitoba, May 23, 24 and 27.

Kanee will deliver the convocation address on the first day, May 23. He will be one of five nationally known Canadians to receive honorary

degrees during the three-day convocation series. The others are N.R. Crump, former chairman of the Board of Canadian Pacific Limited; Dr. Paul Hiebert, nationally known author (Sarah Binks), humorist and scientist; James H. Gray, author of several popular social histories (Winter Years, Booze, etc.) and A.M. Runciman, president of United Grain Growers.

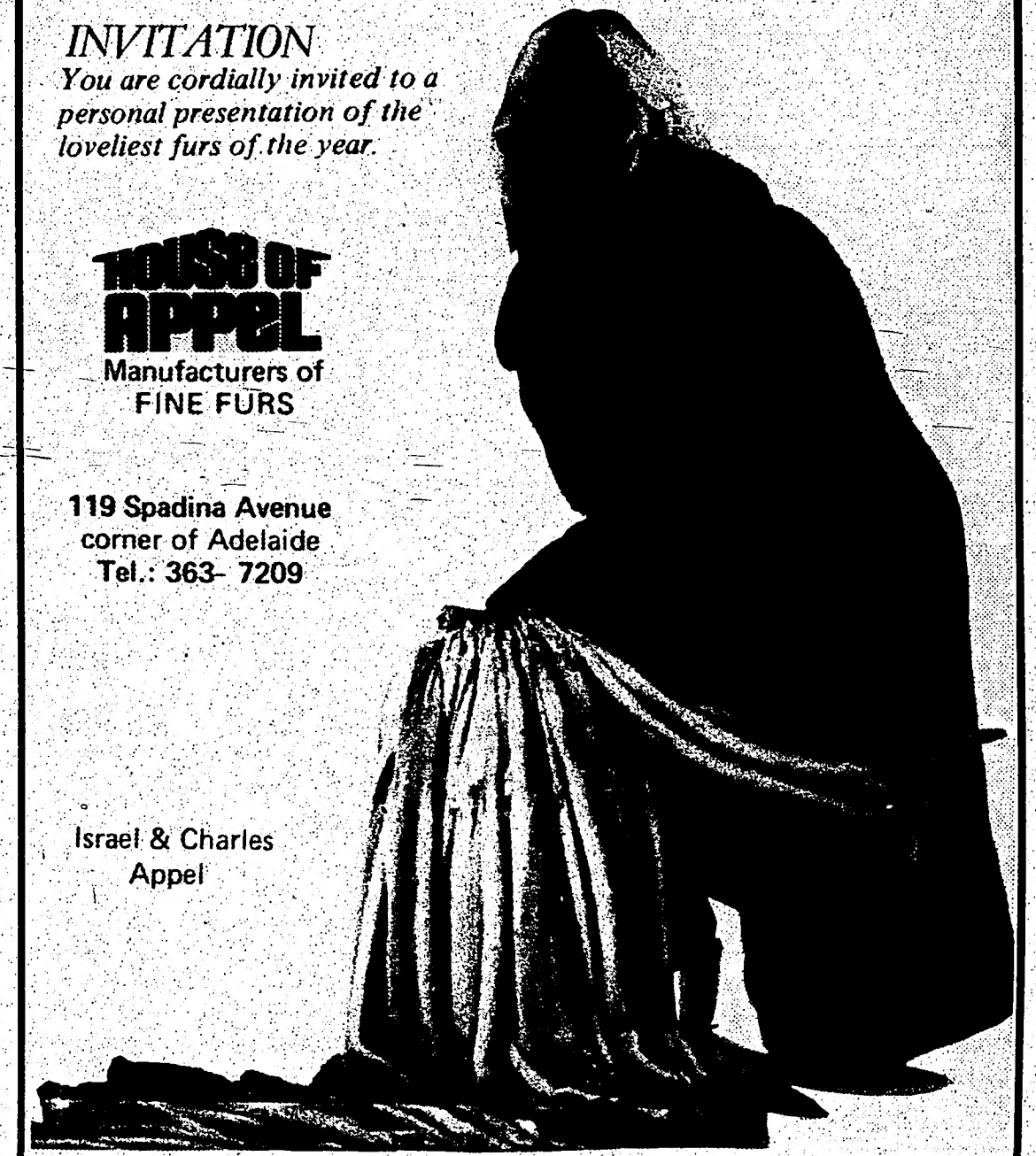
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No time for silence

Positive steps needed in Ottawa to support lip service over Mideast

No one denies that Canada is well-disposed towards Israel. There has been considerable evidence in recent times of goodwill -- and what is equally important -- of economic aid for the Jewish state.

But Alan Rose, the associate executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, was on sound ground the other day when he criticized Ottawa for what he described as failure to denounce in sufficiently strong language what underlies the Middle East conflict. He said Canada has failed to rebuke the Arab states for their refusal to accept the presence of the legitimacy of Israel.

The language of international diplomacy makes little or no provision for frankness of expression, and the Soviet Union is perhaps the only exponent of a form that is devoid of double talk. Our external affairs department has adopted a bland, colorless approach that differs markedly from the Pearson days when this country played a vital, stimulating role in the United Nations Security Council. We are not pleading for an anti-Arab posture, but we believe that Ottawa should denounce in strong terms the refusal of the Arab states to recognize Israel's sovereignty and its right to live within secure borders. It is not enough for External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp to repeat again and again that Canada unflinchingly supports Resolution 242 which deals with secure borders. What is required is some positive steps to support the lip service to the principle of elementary justice.

Where was Canada's voice when the Greek government the other day pardoned two Arabs who had been sentenced to death for killing five people in an attack at Athens airport last August? They had been sentenced to death for this crime.

But now are free to make amends for their error: they killed five New York-bound passengers under the mistaken idea they were Jewish migrants en route to Israel. Washington protested this monstrous perversion of justice, but as far as we know, Ottawa was silent. Why? It is not good enough to say that Canada has no business interfering in the internal affairs of another country. The act of the Greek dictatorship in freeing these Arab mobsters by presidential decree should have brought an immediate and angry reaction from Mr. Sharp.

We don't question Mr. Sharp's good intentions, but the Jewish community has a right to question this extraordinary silence on an issue which transcends national boundaries. A note strongly condemning the pardoning of the Arab murderers would not have led the Greek government to reverse itself, but at least it would have let the dictators of that onetime cradle of democracy know how we feel about this incredible act.

The indifference towards terrorism shown by most nations is a sad commentary on the state of international morality. Arab terrorists crossed from Lebanon into Israel and slaughtered women and children at Kiryat Shmona. So what does the Security Council do? It ignored the massacre and instead adopted a resolution censuring Israel for its raids against terrorist bases in Lebanon. No wonder Israel has lost all faith in a world body paralyzed by the Third World nations bent on Israel's dismemberment.

Mr. Rose's criticism of our external affairs policy as it relates to the Middle East was not voiced in a spirit of political partisanship. It was based on a realistic understanding of recent events.

A first for Canada

Torontonian's victory in Bible contest indicative of city's educational quality

By DR. ALEXANDER BROWN

It is a known fact that with all its flaws, Jewish education in Toronto is the best available in Canada, and is superior to anything in any community of comparable size in the United States. Kol Hakovod to the communal leaders and to the United Jewish Welfare Fund for setting Jewish education as one of its top priorities.

The victory of Chaim Warner, one of three Canadian boys from Associated Hebrew Schools in Toronto, in the annual bible contest in Jerusalem, speaks volumes for the thoroughness of the training he and the other youngsters received. The others were Sheldon Goldhar and Hartley Cohen.

To be adjudged the winner in a contest that saw scholars from all parts of the world compete for the coveted crown, was indeed a magnificent feat. The Israelis were strong in their bid to recapture the crown lost to a Brooklyn entrant last year, but the Canadian trio faced up to the challenge. In the interplay, witnessed by a capacity crowd in that Jerusalem theatre, they sparkled and glowed.

Immortal phrases of Isaiah and Jeremiah, first spoken on the streets of Jerusalem some 25 centuries ago, echoed in the hall and rolled off the lips of the Canadian boys effortlessly in fluent Hebrew.

Some of the questions were very timely. Said the quiz master turning to Sheldon Goldhar: "the wickedness of Damascus is known from ancient days. A prophet foretold punishment for the city. What is the wickedness noted by the prophet and the punishment foretold?" Sheldon's rapid reply in Hebrew got him full points. The

prophet Amos: "For the three transgressions of Damascus and for the four, I will not turn back, because they have threshed Gilead with threshing tools of iron. So I will send fire upon the House of Hazael and it shall devour the palaces of Ben Hadad, and I will break the gate-bar of Damascus."

Tension built up as Yigal Allon came forward to announce the name of the top winner, dubbed in Hebrew, Chatan Hatorah, (bridegroom of the Torah). It was 14-year-old Chaim Warner. He had competed against older and very capable students, and won.

As the Israelis would say, Kol Hakovod -- all honor is due students, parents, the school, its officers, teachers and principals, for it has a long and notable tradition of scholarship. Kol Hakovod to the Shaliach Avshalom Grafi, the Israeli exchange teacher, who guided the team in its preparations. It should not be overlooked that co-sponsoring the Canadian National Bible Contest and the world contest in Jerusalem was the education department of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Yigal Allon, in announcing that the crown had been captured by a boy from Canada, voiced satisfaction over the fact that the contests brings together Jewish boys and girls from many lands; that the Torah is our "moveable homeland." The Torah, he said, is like a spring that refreshes the nation's spirit, the bridge between Israel and the Diaspora.

Mr. Allon might have added, "it is and always has been the bond that united the tribes of Israel wherever they may be, and it, more than all else, is the formula for Jewish survival."

Dr. Brown is associate director, Toronto Board of Jewish Education.

An accounting is called for

Israel's lack of preparedness on the eve of the Yom Kippur War is in the news again, and it makes depressing reading. The State Comptroller reports that there were serious deficiencies in the repair and maintenance of tanks, half-tracks, troop carriers and other armored vehicles.

The report supports the criticism by many individual soldiers that the equipment handed them when war broke out was in poor condition and often unserviceable. Those responsible for this sorry state of affairs should be called to account without delay.



Thousands of visitors to the Western Wall stopped off at a nearby plaza to sign a petition of solidarity with the beleaguered Jewish community of Syria. The petition was organized by students in all of Israel's institutions of higher learning. (IPPA photo)

Crumbling of political crust said refreshing sign of health

By ARTHUR GARMAISE
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM -- "Earthquake" -- "veridat adama" -- was one of the expressions in most common usage following the Yom Kippur War to describe the impact of its revelations. Accurate and telling a half-year ago, it still best describes what is happening in Israel following the report of the Agranat Committee: the political crust is cracking; party rifts are widening; established institutional structures are crumbling.

The dominant Labor Party Coalition seems to be coming apart at the seams and the most venerated idols are toppling. Golda Meir has, in her own words "reached the end of the road." Moshe Dayan seems destined to go sooner or later. With him may go his loyal supporters of the Rafi wing, and the National Religious Party would soon follow, leaving a weakened Coalition that will either reshuffle itself into an acceptable posture or be forced to call new elections. The Army has long since lost its reputation for omniscience. There seem to be precious little of the old landmarks and stalwarts on the horizon.

There are some who grieve at the apparent chaos; others herald it as a refreshing sign of health. For years, observers diagnosed the prime sickness of the state as the stranglehold clamped by the older leaders on all key positions. Now, with the earthquake creating new

vacancies, positions of responsibility can open for the younger generation. They are becoming increasingly vocal and dynamic. New civil rights parties, based on liberal democratic principles, such as Shulamit Aloni's, and now, Amnon Rubinstein's, are making their appearance; demonstrations cutting across party lines take place fortnightly; traditionally apathetic students are taking an unprecedentedly active role; the public attending mass meetings, such as those of war hero Motti Ashkenazy, which simply call for change -- without any specific platform or political ambitions -- crowd his halls and overflow out into the corridors and down the staircases.

His call for individual responsibility is a new one for Israel. "Take an active role," he urges his audiences. "You must do your own thinking, not let the Party think for you. You and you alone can bring about change, not your neighbor and not your cousin. You have to take this country in hand."

And it seems to be happening. The earnestness of his tone is reflected in the searching discussions being carried on radio and TV. Neither interviewers nor discussants shy away from the issues, painful as they may be. Their national audience is better informed and made alert to new concerns more profoundly than ever before. The newspapers carry lively debate and probing essays in the best traditions of a responsible press. Moshe Dayan has downplayed the role played by the press, radio and TV in

bringing about the demonstrations and political changes, but many doubt the accuracy of his analysis. The immediate cause of the political upheaval may have been internal party pressures, but these, in turn, were brought about by the public making itself heard.

In America today there are many disillusioned ex-idealists who made their aliyah following the Six Day War. They returned, having been repelled by the excessively materialistic tone of Israeli society and by the difficulties of having to keep pace of a soaring cost-of-living index, particularly in housing. Israel could not satisfy them materially or spiritually. It may be that their aliyah was premature.

Out of the ashes of the Yom Kippur War there seems to be emerging a new Phoenix of the spirit. There is a burning of much of the brush that tangled and ensnared men's steps, and a new cleansing that opens wider horizons for the spirit. It may take a long while to come to fruition, but one senses a rebirth of spirit and vitality in the country that would give heart to idealists, if they were to come back and try again.

In hard, realistic terms, these movements are not properly organized, nor properly funded. They lack means and they lack power. They may get throttled before maturity. But to see them struggling to birth and out into the light is itself exciting and makes Israel today an exciting place to be.

Letters to the Editor

Reader protests 'jaundiced view' of article on Hillel

Dear Editor:

I take issue with the jaundiced viewpoint Miss Jo Mira Clodman presents in her article (May 3, 1974). She suggests that Hillel at the U. of T. is simply fighting for survival. I beg to differ very strongly. During my university career, I have attended (and will continue to do so) countless Hillel functions -- from wine & cheese parties to poetry readings to Shabbatons. I have found Hillel to be, not only alive and well, but vibrant and serving the Jewish student community in countless vital ways. Mr. Ben Mayer has injected zest into its social programs and renewed serious interest into Hillel's Jewish programs.

I would suggest that if Miss Clodman wishes to write a serious critique about Hillel, she would do well to attend many of our functions and speak to many students, asking questions which do not refrain from touching upon positive aspects as well. The public deserves a balanced picture, but this article does not even approach fulfillment of this requirement.

Many of us would say but one thing -- plaudits for Hillel and Mr. Ben Mayer. May they both live a long and happy life.

Marcy Marcus
Toronto

Dear Editor:

I wish to applaud Phyllis Pinchuk's letter (CJN, Feb. 22) on the activity of the Saidye Bronfman Centre under the direction of Mr. Menachem Ravel.

These lines are just a modest contribution to the accolade which Mr. Menachem Ravel is entitled to for his activity in general and for the "Jewish" programs at the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

I would like, though, to mention that the Yiddish Drama group under Mrs. Dora Wasserman's direction brought new life and highlights to the "Centre" and I wish to congratulate both, Mrs. Wasserman and Mr. Ravel for the "shiduch".

The last presentation of the Doss Grolse Gevins is just a proof of Mr. Ravel's good "taste" in the "Shiduch".

B. Cohen,
Montreal

Dear Editor:

I wish to protest to the Toronto Jewish community about the poor attendance, the lack of interest and proper organization shown at Toronto rallies and gatherings in the past year.

I will use one example upon which to base my complaint. That is the gathering on Sunday, April 21, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue for the remembrance of the six million martyrs killed in the Holocaust and for the 31st anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. The syna-

gogue was opened up to accommodate 2,000 people and yet, even though there are 120,000 Jews in Toronto, we could not fill those seats.

There is no excuse for that fact. Right now there are three million Jews having their lives threatened spiritually in Russia and three million Jews in Israel plus 4,000 in Syria, in extreme danger physically.

Yet the Toronto Jewish community refuses to attend rallies and gatherings for them and for the remembrance of those

ask the rabbi

Illegitimacy of a child is foreign to Jewish law

1. Is there any advice in rabbinic sources to a parent who finds that an unmarried daughter is pregnant and what should be the fate of the unborn child?

It is important to appreciate that according to Jewish law as recorded in the rabbinic sources a child born out of wedlock (provided there is no legal impediment to the union of its parents) is completely kosher in every way and the laws of mamzerut do not apply. In any event there is no such thing in Jewish law as an "illegitimate child."

It goes without saying that the girl's parents should not reject her but, on the contrary, they should give her the special help and encouragement she needs. There would be no objection whatsoever to her keeping her baby if that is what she wants. Otherwise, the baby, should be given for adoption by a Jewish couple who will bring the child up as a Jew.

2. Is there any ruling in Jewish sources about whether a bridegroom should, or should not wear a tallit under the chupa? Custom seems to vary as between synagogue and synagogue.

The sources say nothing about a bridegroom wearing a tallit under the chupa. Those who do wear it do so only as a token of extra respect for the occasion much as the reader in the synagogue wears a tallit for the Ma'ariv service although, strictly speaking, there is no obligation to wear a tallit at night-time. The same applies to the ministers who officiate under the chupa. It all depends on local custom and there are no rules about it.

3. Is there a prohibition forbidding the one who reads the Torah to the congregation, in fact reading from a printed text while keeping the Scroll open at the proper place?

Surely you do not mean that the S'roll be kept open merely as a pretence while the actual reading is from the printed text? This is obviously wrong since the reading has to be from a properly prepared S'roll. What is sometimes done, when the reader is insufficiently familiar with the vowels and notes, is for him to look from time to time at the printed text beside him but to read from the S'roll.

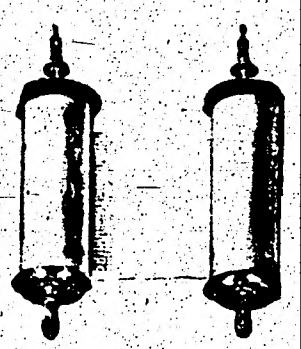
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This tourist and a curious king of the wild beasts have an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation. Hundreds of animals from all over Africa were brought in to populate the new safari venture in Ramat-Gan -- the garden city next to Tel Aviv. (Photo by Israel Sun)

Every Jew should set aside time each day in order to study Torah

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Im b'chukoty taylaychu... If you walk in my statutes

Why don't we produce the great talmidei chachomim, Torah scholars, like the kind we had generations ago? The answer is, we do.



American astronauts Edgar Mitchell (centre) and Scott Carpenter (right) visit the department of aeronautical engineering at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa. Dr. Joseph Schwartz of the institute is seen here demonstrating models used for supersonic wind-tunnel experiments. Carpenter now specializes in under-sea work.

For example... On Bathurst Street near Lawrence there is a Kollel Avreichim, a modest House of Study where a score of young married men in their 20's have cast the world aside and spend 12 to 14 hours a day just studying Torah. Some-day from the little group, and groups like it throughout the world, will come the great Rabbis, teachers and poskim of the next generation.

Why? Why do they do it? And why are there tens of thousands of Jews who could get better jobs, have more materially comfortable lives -- the "good life" -- and cast it aside? There is one answer -- Torah.

But there is Torah and there is Torah. There is dead Torah and there is live Torah. Dead Torah means paying lip service to the Torah, mouthing pretty words of faith. Real Torah is not only believing

in Torah meeshomayim -- that Torah is the eternal word of the Almighty, but willing to throw one's lot in life built totally on faith in G-d.

That's why we find an interesting thing. In this week's parsha the Jews were given the laws of shemittah and yovel... The Almighty commanded that every seventh year no agricultural work should be done in the fields. After seven cycles of seven years, the 50th year should be a jubilee -- when not only could no work be done, but the fields should return to their original owners.

So consider now -- the 49th year they couldn't plant... the 50th year they couldn't plant... and it would take months before the crop would come in for the 51st year -- and there was no Sunnybrook or Steinberg's to go in for a loaf of bread. How would the Jews live?

But that's why the portion begins "And the L-rd spoke unto Moses in Mount Sinai... Mah inyan shmittah eitzel Har Sinai? Why make a fuss that these laws of the seventh year were given at Mount Sinai -- after all, the whole Torah was given there? But it is to tell you: "This is a proof that the Torah was not the creation of Moses or some imaginative author. Who else but I -- the Almighty Himself -- could promise you that you will have enough blessing in what you do plant to tide you over the years that you must let your land fallow..." (Chasam Sofer)

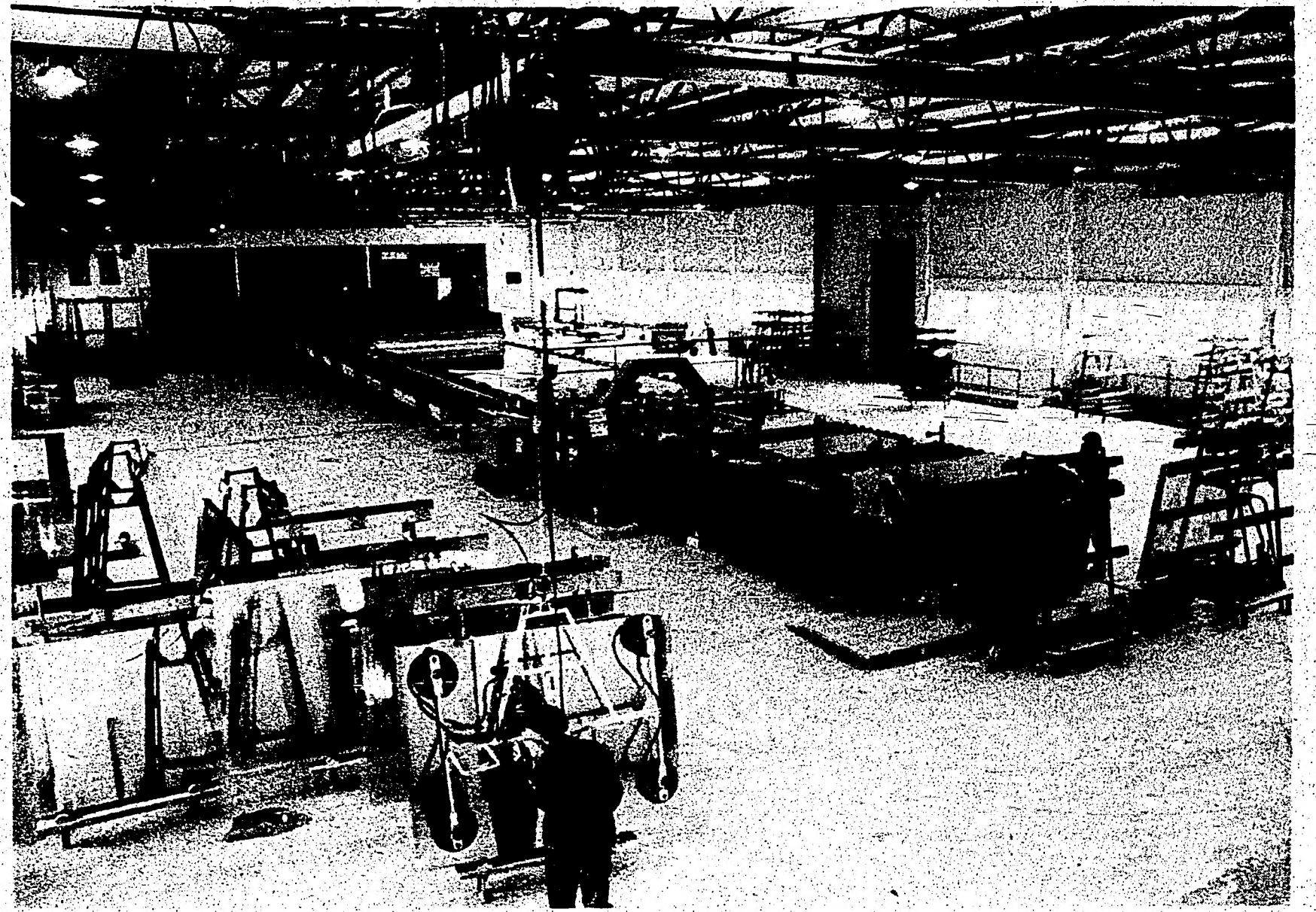
There are no words to describe how every Jew -- however great or small -- should set himself time every day to study Torah. They tell of one great Rabbi who had a seder -- a set order of time -- to study Torah every day. When he was studying no one was allowed to disturb him. One day, a delegation of important baalei batim came to see him on an urgent matter. His wife told them that the Rabbi was studying, but they insisted. They started banging on his door until it seemed that it would break. But to no avail.

Finally, when the Rabbi had finished his set time, he opened the door on his own. The important delegation was furious... how dare he keep them waiting. But the Rabbi just smiled and said: "If I would have been in conference with a representative of the Czar, would you have dared interrupt me? This is just as important."

Not everyone can be a great Talmid Chochom -- but every Jew should be a little "selfish". The Torah does not belong to this or that group alone. It belongs to every Jew. Let us fulfill, Im b'chukoty taylaychu -- "If you walk in my statutes"

which Rashi explains, shetihyu amaylim b'Torah -- "You shall labor at the study of Torah"... And may G-d soon fulfill, Veeshavtem lovetach b'artzichem -- "You shall live securely in your land." Shabbat Shalom.

The "Sparks From The Torah" television program can be seen on Willowdowns Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8 p.m. and York Cable, Sundays at 12 noon.



No industry in Israel can match the spiralling annual growth rate of the electronics industry, which has ranged from 20% to 30% in the last few years. It produces a wide-range of high quality hardware. In 1972, it produced \$130 million worth of goods. (Saden)

Electronics industry--Israel's successful economic undertaking

By SHELTON KIRSHNER

One of the most remarkable developments in Israeli industry since the Six Day War has been the spectacular growth of electronics. While most sectors of the Israeli economy -- diamonds, fashions, arms and tourism -- have made respectable strides forward, none can match the spiralling annual growth rate of the electronics industry, which has ranged from 20% to 30% in the last few years.

The electronics industry today is producing a wide range of high quality hardware, including military communications systems, radar-fire controlled systems, advanced circuitry and microminiature electronics, computers and peripheral products.

But consumer goods for the domestic -- and foreign -- markets are also manufactured. Israeli TV sets, car radios, refrigerators, air conditioners and tape recorders are well known to North American, European and Asian competitors.

A quick glance at production figures tells part of the success story of the burgeoning Israeli electronics industry: in 1961 electronics companies produced only \$3 million worth of goods. But in 1972 the figure had jumped to \$130 million. According to Haim Bar-Lev, commerce and industry minister, output may reach \$300 million to \$500 million annually by 1975.

By world standards, Israel's electronics industry is still small potatoes. But the future looks extremely promising. For Israel has what it takes to command success -- relatively cheap labor and a

reservoir of manpower that is the envy of many countries.

"There are a number of factors which account for the dynamic growth of the industry here," says Mark Shavit of Mosei Electronics Instruments Ltd. "The primary one is perhaps the reservoir of low-cost engineering talent and manufacturing know-how."

Of the science-based industries in Israel that benefit from the government's trade incentive, electronics has been able to cash in on a special tax refund because of the high labor content. For each dollar of the value added, a credit in Israeli pounds scaled up to about 30% is kicked back to the exporters.

If there is any criticism of the industry here, it has mostly to do with the fact that local industry is not developing its own electronics hardware. Critics point out that the majority of big firms operating in Israel are either subsidiaries of great international concerns, or home-grown companies operating with foreign licensing agreements.

Of some 70 electronics enterprises operating today, only five to six employ more than several hundred employees. According to statistics, the industry is manned by 9,000 workers, including more than 1,000 engineers. Firms such as Tadiran, Motorola (Israel) Ltd., Elscint and Telrad all but monopolize the market here, controlling about 85% of the total output.

Last year, Motorola sold \$6 million worth of goods, but it remains to be seen whether the company will be hurt now

that many of its markets in Africa have been closed as a result of diplomatic pressure.

Levi Katzir, the Israeli-born general manager who doubles as corporate director of multinational operations for the Chicago parent company, sees the export business as a vital factor in the growth of the industry.

"Our future is outside, it's the only way to increase the volume, and what we need now is greater volume," he says. "We can't match Motorola's production in the U.S. Our contribution should be more adaptable, to make products which would be uneconomical for the parent firm to produce. I believe that this is the pattern for industry here."

Tadiran, the largest electronics concern in the country, employs about 3,500 workers. It is 50% owned by Koor Industries Ltd. -- the biggest industrial complex in Israel -- 35% by General Telephone and Electronics International, and 15% by the defence ministry.

Last year, Tadiran produced about \$60 million worth of goods, much of which was bought by the defence ministry. Orders should be especially heavy in the wake of the Yom Kippur War.

Another flourishing member of the industry is Elbit Computers Ltd., with headquarters in Haifa. Founded by a group of American immigrants, Elbit manufactures its own microcomputer and minicomputer systems, as well as custom-designed industrial process control and military equipment.

Founding of Congress 55 years ago is a tale of three Canadian cities and struggles between organizations

By A.J. ARNOLD



A. J. Arnold

The World War I Congress movement was a tale of three cities -- Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. The first serious "initiatives" for the convening of a Canadian Jewish Congress came early in 1915 from the Farband and Labor-Zionist elements in Montreal. (According to Simon Belkin, one of the founders of Congress himself, and author of two of the most important works of Canadian Jewish history, the first discussion of the Congress idea was introduced by a Socialist Territorialist writer in the Keneder Adler, Montreal's Yiddish daily, in 1908.)

In February and March 1915, the Jewish National Workers' Alliance (Farband) Branch 8, in Montreal, headed by Leon Zuker, called several conferences to plan help for Jews in war-torn Europe and "to establish a new Canadian Jewish organization to defend all Jewish interests, economic as well as political." The immediate outcome was the organization of the Canadian Jewish Alliance -- di Folks Farband -- with Reuben Brainin as president, Leon Zuker, vice-president, and Dr. Yehuda Kaufman, secretary.

The Canadian Jewish Alliance won active support in a dozen or more centres

across the country. Greatly encouraged the Montreal leadership began to plan a national conference to win Canadian support for a World Jewish Congress as soon as the war ended.

Opposition to the efforts of the Alliance emerged among the old established families, the "Uptown Jews" and found expression in the Zionist Federation, headed by Clarence de Sola. This element, supported surprisingly enough by the Keneder Adler at that time, argued that the "Alliance" did not represent all Canadian Jews; its leaders did not show proper responsibility and they were too radical.

The Zionist Federation had its own national convention planned for November 15, 1915 in Montreal and decided to convene a "Canadian Jewish Conference" for the day before its convention.

In Toronto meanwhile, a branch of the Canadian Jewish Alliance was organized in June, 1915, led by Maurice Goldstick, who had previously organized a Toronto conference to assist Jewish war sufferers. Reuben Brainin addressed a public meeting in Toronto in October and conferred with the Toronto leadership of the Alliance. As a result the Toronto group appointed a special committee headed by Goldstick and Abraham Rhinowine, editor of the Toronto Hebrew Journal, to meet with representatives of the Zionist Federation and seek a united effort for an all-Canadian conference.

Unfortunately this unity attempt proved unsuccessful and the Toronto branch of

the Alliance refused to attend the Canadian Jewish Congress called by the Zionist Federation.

Meanwhile in Winnipeg a war relief and immigrant aid program was already underway. The leaders of this vital work began to discuss the Congress question in September, 1915, on the initiative of Dr. I. Pearlman. This led to the formation of a Winnipeg committee "for the Removal of the Disabilities of the Jews," headed by Rev. H.J. Sandheim (Samuels) with Marcus Hyman, as secretary and Ben Sheps, and J.A. Cherniack among its leading members.

The Winnipeg group decided to support the Canadian Jewish Alliance rather than the Canadian Jewish Conference of the Zionist Federation. It appears that only one Winnipeg delegate, M.J. Finkelstein actually attended the Canadian Jewish Conference. Within a year Finkelstein became the first Zionist leader to come out in support of a united effort for a Canadian Jewish Congress.

A report of the events of this period published in the Congress Bulletin (April, 1968) suggested that the "sterile controversies" of 1915 led to a period of "general apathy" for about 1-1/2 years when "no reorganization was possible." This tends to ignore important events during 1916 and 1917 in the tale of three cities which continued until the 1919 convention was convened on a united and democratic basis.

(To be continued.)

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Uncle discovers our 'establishment'; worries about community

By J.B. Salsberg

(First of a Series)

My good uncle has been profoundly disturbed for the last few weeks by what's happening in the Montreal Jewish community. Basing himself on the reports and comments of Medico, Lazarus etc., which appeared in this paper lately, uncle Eliezer finally arrived at the conclusion that there is such a thing as a Jewish "establishment" in this country and that something should be done about it.

Be assured that this was not an easy or light-hearted conclusion for uncle Eliezer to arrive at. It so happens that three years ago his favorite nephew was one of a small, but goodly, company that fought openly against an attempt to "reform" and streamline the Toronto Jewish community structure by "uniting" the United Jewish Welfare Fund with the Canadian Jewish Congress into a new community council. At that time my uncle gave only qualified support to what his nephew and like-minded men and women were fighting for. But now, in the light of what is happening in Montreal, uncle Eliezer finally came around to his nephew's position. "Something should be done about it," he said with conviction.

(But before we proceed some explanatory remarks would seem to be in order.)

Whether a Jewish "establishment" exists or not can hardly be questioned. It existed throughout the ages, as did "establishments" among other peoples. Members of any "establishment" are not necessarily card-carrying, dues paying members of a secretive or sinister cabal. It is more of a fluid association of like-mindedness of those who constitute the dominant social and ideological strata of a given society or community at a specific time. In that sense, establishments exist in Ottawa and London, England, in Moscow as well as in Tokyo, in Israel as in Peking. The decisive question is who and what is best served by the policies of a given "establishment."

Uncle Eliezer now agrees that the policies of the Jewish "establishment" in Montreal can only lead to serious weakening of the Canadian Jewish Congress (with all its shortcomings and sins of omission) and thus to a weakening of the democratic structure of the Canadian Jewish community. Good for uncle Eliezer!

Readers outside of Montreal should know that the equivalent of Toronto's United Jewish Welfare Fund is known as the Allied Jewish Community Services. Because of weaknesses of the Eastern Region of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Allied has penetrated areas of Jewish life that properly belong to Congress. This seems to have led to a situation of extreme dis-

satisfaction with both the Eastern Region of Congress and the Allied. The dissatisfaction, according to Mark Medico's excellent series in The Canadian Jewish News, found strong, passionate and ominous expression at a recently held Montreal rally organized jointly by Congress and Allied.

I hope to return to the arguments heard at that meeting of Montreal's Jewish leadership. This seems to be necessary because what was argued about there is also on the agenda of other Canadian Jewish communities -- including Toronto. Such an airing of differences over fundamentals is especially urgent on the eve of the Tri-Annual Plenary-session of Canadian Jewish Congress less than a month away.

But, from private sources I have heard of a proposed "solution" to the conflict within the Montreal Jewish community which is a source of great worry to me. It seems that some people of the Montreal Jewish establishment want to resolve the issue by uniting Congress and Allied into some form of community council.

As I see it such a "solution" will not resolve the fundamental issues that caused the recent public leadership confrontation in Canada's largest Jewish community. A pre-conceived organizational solution will not, in my opinion, heal but may aggravate the communal conflicts that have now surfaced for all to see.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

JEWISH MARRIAGE SEMINAR

This Sunday, May 19, the Jewish Marriage Education Committee, chaired by Phyllis Mayer and Dr. Joseph Berger, is holding another of their one-day seminars for young people getting married in the near future. Up for discussion will be such subjects as the marriage ceremony, communication in marriage, kashrut, sexual relationships, budgeting and family planning. Speakers will include Rabbi and Mrs. Meyer Berglas, Rabbi David Drebin, Yitzhak Kerzner and Howard Sacknowitz, Yussie Lebovics, accountant, and Dr. Rolf Lederer, psychiatrist. The program begins at 10:45 a.m. at B'nai B'rith Youth House, Hove Street.

EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Secular Jewish Association of Toronto hosts this year's Conference of Secular Jewish Education the weekend of May 24-26 at York University's Glendon College campus. The conference, an annual meeting of 30-40 diverse secular Jewish organizations and institutions across Canada and the U.S., will deal with adult organizations as well as children's education. For information call 493-4681 (evenings).

BRIT MILAH

To date, the Peylim Organization's Toronto group has arranged Brit Milah for six Russian immigrants whose ages range from 10 to 23 years. The circumcisions were performed at Doctors Hospital by Dr. Tibor Juda, with Peylim director Rabbi Chaim Jaffee present. These same young men will have their bar mitzvah Saturday, June 1, at B'nai Torah Synagogue in Willowdale. A dinner the following evening, June 2, will combine celebrations of the Brit Milah and the bar mitzvah.

BIBLICAL GARDEN

With the coming of warmer weather, Temple Emanuel's Biblical Garden will soon be in full bloom. This year's garden is enhanced by the recent additions of a peacock, a work in copper by Barry Shaw Rimmington ("For the King had at sea a navy of Tarshish... bringing gold, silver, ivory and apes and peacocks" -- 1 Kings 10:22) an almond tree (the "rod of Aaron" was a branch of almond tree), and a new oleander plant ("I was exalted like a palm tree in Engaddi and a rose plant in Jericho" -- Eccl. 24:14). Each was a gift of a member family of the temple.

SISTERHOOD DONOR DINNER

Shaarei Shomayim sisterhood's annual donor dinner this Wednesday evening combines fund-raising and fun with the celebration of their calendar ad book campaign and the presentation of a musical play written by Cynthia Gasner and Lil Reiss. Proceeds will go to the newly formed Senior Friendship Club and the youth program.

FUND-RAISING DINNER

Another donor dinner is the one being held Tuesday evening, the 21st, by the Young Women's Branch of the Sons of Jacob Benevolent Society. Formed back in 1951 by 13 women, the branch now has a membership of about 50. It is a non-political organization with charitable, educational and social activities. Through the years the members have given donations to The Hospital for Sick Children, Mount Sinai Hospital, Baycrest Centre, Israel Emergency Fund, among others. This year, with just a small group, they will have raised and distributed close to \$9,000.

FOR ART LOVERS

And speaking of fund-raising -- Temple Har Zion is having their very first fundraiser, a spring art show, next Saturday, May 25, at 8 p.m. at the temple on Bayview Avenue, north of Steeles. The show will include Canadian, international and Israeli art -- oils, pottery, metal wall hangings and tapestries.

LZA LECTURE SERIES

Rev. Roland de Corneille, national director, League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith, will be speaking on Anti-Semitism at the Tuesday, May 21, lecture of the Labor Zionist Alliance lecture series. The program takes place at 8:30 p.m. at the LZA centre.

LIFE-DETECTING INSTRUMENT

A portable heart-activity detecting device has been developed by Weizmann Institute's electronics department. The device, the size of a flashlight, is easily operated under adverse field conditions. It came about as the result of the urgent need, during the recent war, for a portable instrument for conclusively determining signs of life in make-shift field conditions. Also, medical or para-medical personnel can operate the device with only minimal training.

PINCH HITTING

This columnist will be on vacation the last two weeks in May. Filling in will be CJA Associate Editor Lewis Levendel.

New Jewish feminist body takes shape

By SHERI BURNS

NEW YORK

Are men and women ready to discuss together those issues about which feminists -- and in our particular case, Jewish feminists -- have been talking for some time? Attempting such a discourse were about 325 women and 50 men from the United States and central Canada who met in New York City for the National Conference on Jewish Women and Men.

WORK office in New York City.

New awareness of the oppression of women as expressed by the feminist movement in general has led many Jewish women to seek examination of traditional Judaic attitudes towards the woman and her role in the family and religious community. The tone which pervades conversation

among concerned Jewish women is not belligerent but rather suggests that, unsatisfied with the roles handed to them by centuries of tradition, these women seek to redefine their roles within the bounds of Judaism; for many this means Orthodox Judaism.

At this conference discussion of the concerns of Jewish women included the minor role they play in the synagogue, the over-emphasis on housekeeping and child-rearing, sexual intolerance, homosexuality, living common-law, etc., Jewish rituals, and the sexist nature of Jewish teaching.

Among the more notable speakers that weekend were Rabbi Yitzhak Greenberg, a professor of Jewish studies at City College New York; Israeli Knesset Member and leader of the Jewish woman's party, Shulamit Aloni, and author Grace Paley.

In the final meeting, a platform and structure for a new committee, the Jewish Feminist Organization (JFO), were presented to the meeting. In spite of the strong secular feminist movement, many Jewish women feel the need to create their own organization dealing with the particular problems they encounter in the Jewish community. Essentially, it will serve to disseminate information about Jewish feminist projects across North America and to assist in local programming. All Jewish women in the continent will be encouraged to join.

One man, speaking on behalf of the others, told the women assembled that this unique experience of sharing ideas and exploring new realms among Jewish men has been only a prelude. The focus of attention was on

next time -- men and women together must examine tradition and modern psychology to re-evaluate their respective roles within Judaism.

Jewish feminist activities in Toronto are gaining momentum -- raising group. In October 1974

it will host a Symposium on Jewish women to which A. Viva Cantor Zuckoff, Rachel Adler, and other well-known Jewish women will be invited to speak.

Sheri Burns is a University of Toronto graduate in zoology.

Women urged to attend convention in Australia

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO

Being the recipient of a M.B.E. (Member of the British Empire) is a personal honor, but Mrs. Mina Fink, of Australia, who received the award last January, says the most gratifying aspect was to receive it for services rendered to the community and especially service to Jewish women.

"It was especially noteworthy to me because the Australian government recognizes the importance of the continuity of Jewish life as expressed through my efforts," said Mrs. Fink, a past president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia and convention chairman of the 10th International Council of Jewish Women which will take place in Australia in April, 1975.

Measuring each sentence carefully as she expressed her concern about the dual role of the Jewish woman in the Jewish and general communities, the well-groomed grandmother of six grandchildren explained that her recent visit to Toronto was to issue an invitation to Canadian Jewish women to attend the forthcoming convention in large numbers. (The last international convention was held in Toronto in 1972 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Debbie Vigoda.)

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Mrs. Fink is spending eight weeks travelling to various countries to publicize the convention whose theme will centre around Jewish education as part of Jewish survival. (The international organization is represented at the United Nations as a non-governmental organization and has 25 affiliates in 23 countries in all continents bringing together some 850,000 Jewish women.)

Her first stop was San Francisco and then on to Argentina where, she noted, one-half million Jews live, constituting "a tremendous potential, as far as women are concerned, in community participation."

From there she went to Rio de Janeiro, Lima and on to Mexico City where she witnessed a Yom Ha'atzmaut program put on by 1,250 Mexican children at the Albert Einstein secondary school, a school endowed by the Jewish community. They played Hatikvah and a Mexican schoolgirl read a poem calling for justice for the Israelis. "Altogether an unforgettable day," summed up Mrs. Fink.

The rest of her itinerary includes New York, Toronto

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Last year a Mother's Day kiss from singing star Vic Damone -- this year a ringside table at his Royal York Hotel nightclub act. It all happened to 88-year-old Jennie Goodman because her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Sydney Taylor, are good friends of the popular vocalist. During his Toronto engagement a year ago he visited her at her bedside at Baycrest Hospital. For the singer's appearance this April, Mrs. Goodman was presented with an orchid corsage and introduced by the singer himself. In fact, he dedicated the evening's performance to her. No wonder Mrs. Goodman commented, "His voice is as beautiful as he is."

Quebec Industry and Commerce Minister Guy Saint-Pierre and Israeli Ambassador Theodor Meron are to be guests of honor at the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry luncheon scheduled in Montreal for Thursday, June 6, at Le Chateau Champlain. The luncheon will be attended by Quebec government, business, industrial and financial leaders. Luncheon chairman is to be CICC president Ray D. Wolfe.

University of Toronto philosophy professor Emil Fackenheim's April speaking calendar reads like a page from a U.S. travel book. In 10 days he was at Washington University, St. Louis, and Brandeis University Hillel Foundations in Massachusetts, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, and Yale University. Speaking on the Holocaust and its aftermath, Dr. Fackenheim noted that "it is of special interest that the campuses have taken such an interest in the Holocaust this year." Last Sunday he spoke at Holy Blossom Temple, along with Albert Vorspan, director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' social action commission on The Ethics of Jewish Survival.

A memorial meeting in memory of Meyer Gasner is being planned by a number of organizations with which he was closely identified. A lifelong friend, Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, president of Bar Ilan University, will address the assembly. The date is Thursday, May 30, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

A mathematics and psychology professor giving a piano recital may seem a bit unusual, but Professor Anatole Rapoport, who teaches those courses at the University of Toronto, also holds two diplomas from the Vienna Music Conservatory -- as concert pianist and as kapellmeister (conductor). He is giving the concert Sunday, May 26, at 2:45 p.m. at Beth Haba-nim, Hollaman Road. The program will be mostly Beethoven and Chopin but will in-

clude one 20th century sonata composed by Alexander Rapoport, the professor's 17-year-old son.



Murray Goldman

Appointments, elections and such -- Business executive Murray Goldman has been appointed associate chairman of the 1974 Toronto Israel Bond Campaign. Prominent in real estate and development fields, he serves on the Urban Development Institute. Clanton Park Synagogue elected accountant Aaron Frankel as president with Dr. Yehudi Shields and lawyer Aaron Weinstock as vice-presidents. John Stuart Katz is the new chairman of the film department of York University's Faculty of Fine Arts, a move up from associate chairman. He was previously assistant professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and before that, a faculty member of Harvard University.

CJA columnist A.J. Arnold was one of the winners of the Manitoba Historical Society's Margaret McWilliams Awards for 1974. Mr. Arnold, who writes the What Really Happened column for The CJA, won for his serialized articles on Jewish immigration in Manitoba in the 1880's, which ran in The Canadian Jewish News. Mr. Arnold was elected to the council of the society for a three-year term.

Herbert Sohn, who used to work at the United Jewish Welfare Fund, is the new director of the Senior Citizens' Bureau of the province's ministry of community and social services. An experienced administrator, he has held senior positions in that ministry as well as in the department of labor.

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By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

MONTREAL -

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When 120 people of diverse ethnic origins repeated that solemn oath at Montreal's Citizenship Court one day last month, representatives of JIAS (Jewish Immigrant Aid Services) were on the spot to extend their own special welcome to Canada's new citizens.

With this aim in mind, the newly sworn-in Canadians were treated to cake and coffee, warm handshakes and the gift of a book titled Chapter One - Chapitre Premier, a bilingual collection of stories on Canada under the French regime.

"We wanted to make what otherwise would have been a formal and rather drab ceremony into something very special," explained JIAS Director of Social Services Mrs. Miriam Kage.

According to custom, in groups of 10, the citizens walked up before a judge to pledge their allegiance, a group speaking English followed by a group which pronounced the oath in French.

alternately.

The reception (more are planned for the future) was part of the general ethnic community activities in which JIAS participates in addition to its social adjustment and integration services to Jewish newcomers.

"There were Greeks, Italians, Hungarians, Czechs, Spaniards, Americans -- but that's not the point. What is important is that we were there to achieve a kind of unity," said Mrs. Kage.

Although only seven of those present that day were Jewish, "we were instinctively saying 'mazel tov' to everyone!"

New camping adventure

voice of youth

By YAACOV HONIG

A totally new experience in camping has been created by several imaginative and energetic young people and it is called "Voyajews". It has been created to provide a unique experience for teenage boys, its goals being to foster a sense of harmony with nature, nurture self-reliance, and excite the religious spirit.

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Sue's Views

with Susan Fielder

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Some of the other styles which beckoned to us were -- the captivating coil belted sofa and chair ensemble in carmel corduroy -- a big soft sleeky snake, designed to caress any position you choose -- and the elegant slim line fish chair recliner, cleverly fashioned to comfort your feet.

Most designs come in materials of vinyl, pile, denim, canvas and the luxurious solid or pattern velvet (assorted colours too!). -- Other ideas such as relaxing-water beds, interesting bed frames with the Tella System, and hand-somely styled coffee tables and lamps -- told us we would be back again and again and -- to the Curved Space.

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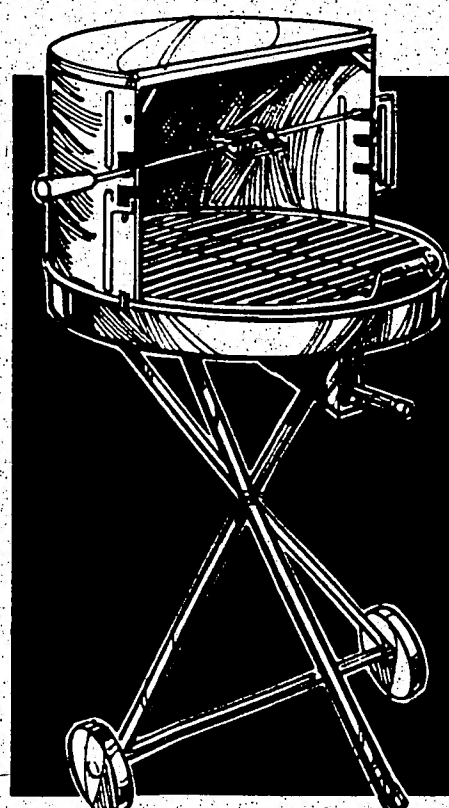
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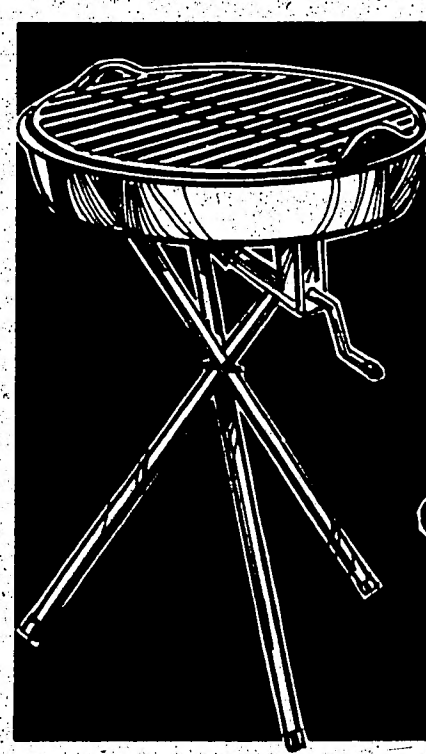
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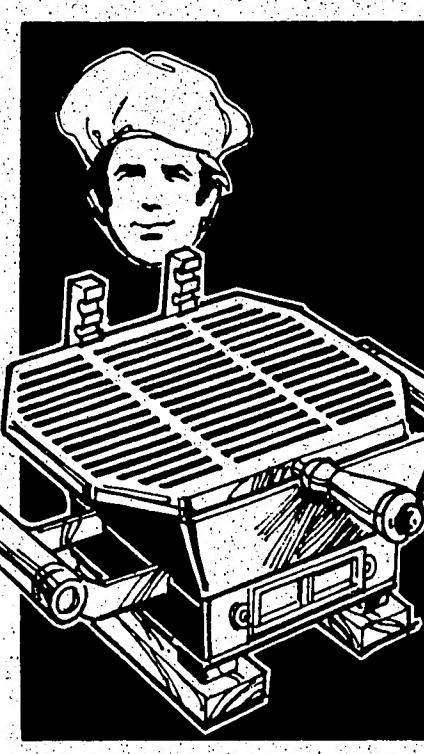
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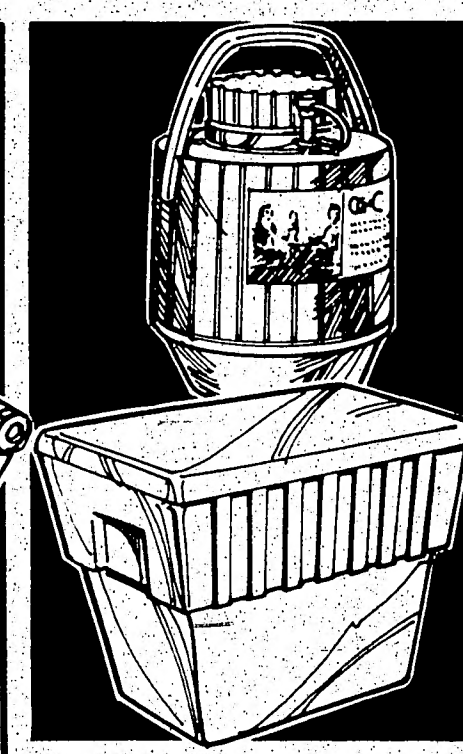
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Organizations and People



Members of the Toronto Group of 35 get together for a chat after they heard an address by Mrs. Edward Bronfman (left), an executive member of the Montreal Group of 35. The Toronto group organized a demonstration last Wednesday at Nathan Phillips Square to bring to public attention the plight of Sylvia Zalmanson. Beside Mrs. Bronfman are (from left) Genya Intrater, Carol Reiter, Barbara Glass and Roberta Bucovetsky. The Group of 35 seeks to focus attention on treatment of Soviet Jews. (Gadi Hoz photo)

Ronald Oelbaum elected new president of JFCS

TORONTO -

A record general membership turnout for the 106th annual meeting of the Jewish Family and Child Service at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, (its parent organization, the Ladies Montefiore Society, held its first annual meeting in 1864.) Ronald Oelbaum was elected president succeeding Mrs. Ray D. Wolfe.

Other officers for the new term will be: vice-presidents, Ronald Biderman, Mrs. Bertram Garfield, Howard Perlmutter, and David Woolf; treasurer, Henry Goldbach; secretary, Manie Mitchell; honorary treasurer, Julius Weiner; honorary past president, Henry G. Goodman. By ballot, general members elected 15 new members to the board of directors.

Mrs. Wolfe described the dilemmas facing today's

Jewish service agency in her president's report. She expressed deep concern over the problems of securing balanced funding from private voluntary as well as governmental sources for the agency. Some of her concerns had to do with recent occurrences in Quebec and the United States which threaten the cultural base of Jewish service agencies. She hoped that efforts to secure increased governmental support of the child service program while retaining its Jewish communal character would finally succeed.

Mrs. Wolfe reported on the program expansion of the Lawrence Plaza Branch, and presented the need to open an additional office closer to the new areas of Jewish population developing in the north-east of Metro. She told of the

agency's program of maintaining more accurate religious records of adoption conversions as an aid to Jewish adopting families, and talked of the need for increased sensitivity in agency programs to Jewish values. Mrs. Wolfe concluded her report with an appraisal of the continual struggle to maintain service quality and availability.

The meeting ended after the showing of a rare film on Infant Rearing in the Kibbutz, one of a series on kibbutz child rearing practices made by Dr. Joseph Stone, and made available to the agency by Dr. Morris Wayman who is now in Israel.

Pleas for unity heard at educator's meeting

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO -

A sense of mission, combined with pleas for unity, dominated remarks made by panelists at an all-day education conference presented by the Eitz Chaim Mothers Association last week.

"We are a small group that are in the process of slicing themselves up in even smaller pieces, which runs against common sense," Dr. Joseph Caplan, director of Branson Hospital's Department of Psychiatry, told members of the association.

Acknowledging unpopularity of the idea that day schools create an elite, he expressed concern "about those who regard themselves as the elite of the elite of the elite, who tend to have unkind thoughts about those who are only two elites removed."

Florence Rubin, a teacher in the public schools and a mother of two girls attending Eitz Chaim, cheered the idea of an elite composed of "people who are knowledgeable and will be leaders. But if you mean people who say 'I'm right and you're wrong' — that we don't need."

The need to foster unity not only among children attending different day schools but among all Jewish youngsters was pointed out by Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education.

"We are getting youngsters in our day schools who are polarized from Jewish youngsters out in the street. Can we discuss what our children's responsibility is to move out into the field and reach those who are getting nothing at all?" he asked.

A somewhat different idea of the mission of schools like Eitz Chaim was expressed by Dr. Anne Cohn, the luncheon speaker. "We shut-off our children from the worst of the irresponsibility in the outside world," she told mothers attending the conference, whose theme was "How Does Day School Education Confront the Challenges of Today?"

Dr. Cohn, a clinical psychologist from London, England, and the daughter of one of the founders of the Bais Yaakov Girls' Movement, is teaching at Eitz Chaim while her husband is a visiting professor at the University of Guelph. She was confident of the success of the day schools.

"This school can provide a sub-culture of Torah-committed Jewishness," she said. "It can foster a healthy synthesis between the ideals of Torah and general moral values. It is our insurance."

But during the morning session, Rabbi Witty had spoken of families who send their children to day schools as "scouts on Judaism," much as the early immigrant families sent their children to the public schools to "scout out" North American ways.

"If day school is the answer to giving your child an insurance policy on being a committed Jew, it's not the answer," he insisted. "We can no longer provide assurances unless the day school is given a lot of support from the home."



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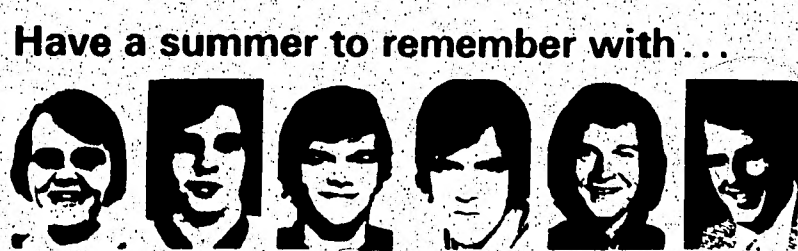


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Family's moshav settlement eagerly-awaited trip home

By BRIAN STONEMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO -

While most of the Jewish community here is anxiously anticipating summer's warm weather, Alan Wass and his wife Toba look forward to it for a special reason -- it will signal the start of their own new life in Israel.

Wass, a 30-year-old apartment superintendent in North York, plans to settle his family on a moshav which is now being built in the Neg- ev Desert. For his wife, who grew up on a kibbutz after emigrating with her family when three-years-old from Russia, and for Wass, who studied for four years at Jerusalem's Hebrew Uni- versity, it will be a trip home.

"We have always wanted to return to Israel," Wass told The Canadian Jewish

News during an interview in the couple's comfortably-furnished apartment. "It was just a matter of time and when we read about this project, we were very interest- ed."

The economy of the moshav will be based entirely on tomato growing in green- houses, he said; the first time this has been tried. "If this pilot project succeeds, it will offer an alternative to those who up until now have only known an urban culture," Wass said and not- ed this "quieter life" is one thing he seeks.

A Toronto resident since arriving from his native United States in 1966, shortly after leaving Jerusalem be- cause of disillusionment with Israeli "bureaucracy and po- litical inefficiency," the former political science student now feels prepared to cope with aliyah.

"I realize now that the positive aspects of the coun- try far outweigh any nega- tive ones, especially in po- tential," he said. "As for the negative factors, they will just have to work them- selves out."

Other motivations cited by Wass are "the chance to be among people who are hold- ers of similar ideals, the opportunity of home owner- ship and the combining of home life and employment into a more integral part of our life."

As he comforted his six- month-old son, Ayrane, the bearded and slender Wass emphasized that "because the community is small, a 30-family moshav, a mem- ber can feel a part of it rather than be alienated as in large cities."

In order to help foster this desired community feeling, he said, all settlers are to

be immigrants with an En- glish background. "This will give the moshav a better chance for survival," said Mrs. Wass.

The Hebrew teacher at Holy Blossom Temple said she "always considered Is- rael the place where I want to live . . . but in the past I wasn't ready to stay there yet."

She spent nearly a year in Israel in 1967, after she had moved to Canada with her parents when 15. Now, how- ever, she says "it is a differ- ent situation because I am married and ready to settle down."

Wass glanced at his wife, who was playing with their other son, 1 1/2 year-old Oren, and said: "I hope the day comes soon that we won't be at war but even if I thought we were going to be fighting for the next 30 years, I would still go."

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JERUSALEM

The historic associations which have given Jerusalem its universal and unique re-nown are the common prop-erty of civilized mankind. But, for the Jewish people, as for no other, Jerusalem is not just its one and only religious centre and source of the spirit's life; from time immemorial it has been, and still is, the very heart and core of the people. Twice they were exiled from it, twice they made their way back.

Jerusalem enters the stage of recorded history in the third and second mil- lennium BCE, under the names Krusalim (Accadian) and Urushameh (Egyptian). In the Bible it is first men- tioned in Genesis, Chapter XIV, which tells of Abra- ham greeted by "Melchized-

ek, King of Salem." King David saw in Jerusalem the ideal capital for Israel, not only because it straddled the border between the nor-thern and southern Tribes of Israel, but also because of its strategic and commer- cial advantages.

In the days of King Solo- mon, Jerusalem grew and prospered. He doubled the wall area and built the great Temple and the Royal Pal- ace. It was during the era of David and Solomon that Is- rael attained its most spa- cious extent; foreign trade and vassal tributes aug- mented Jerusalem's wealth, and Solomon could make a city of unrivalled beauty and splendor. When the King- dom was divided, Jerusa- lem became the capital of Judah, the southern por- tion. In intermittent feud-

ing between north and south, the Holy City was not al- ways left unscathed; never- theless it grew and develop- ed.

In 587-6 BCE, Ndbuchad- nezzar, King of Babylon, be- set Jerusalem. After lengthy beleaguerment, he took the city and sent its inhabitants into exile. The Temple was ruthlessly demolished.

Fifty years later, King Cyrus of Persia crushed the Babylonians and grant- ed the exiles a charter to return to their homeland and rebuild Jerusalem and its shrine.

After the death of Alex- ander the Great, who in his turn overthrew the Per- sian empire and conquered most of Syria and Judaea, his former viceroy in Egypt seized Jerusalem in 311 BCE, expelled part of its

Jewish citizenry and garriso- ned the city with his own troops.

All through this anguished interval the Jews of Ju- daea enjoyed a reasonable measure of local autonomy, but when King Antiochus E- piphanes profaned the Tem- ple and sought to extinguish every manifestation of their spiritual existence, a group of Jews led by Judah the Maccabee and his brothers rose in revolt, drove out the oppressor, rededicated the Temple and set up a new dynasty that was to rule Judaea for a hundred years and grant Jerusalem a new era of peace, progress and prosperity.

Under Herod the Great (37-4 BCE) new buildings and citadels transformed the city, while the walls were raised and reinforced. But

his outstanding merit of re- construction was the Sec- ond Temple. The population of the city rose -- Jerusa- lem flourished without in- terruption until the outbreak of the Jewish War against the Romans in 66 CE. Ju- daea held out for five bitter years against the superior Roman legions. At length Jerusalem fell to Titus (70 CE). The Second Temple suffered the fate of the First: all that survived of its glory was a fragment of the outer wall of the Temple Court -- this came to be known as the Western Wall.

Sixty years were to pass before the Jews rebelled anew against the Romans. They re-took Jerusalem under the skillful leadership of Simon Bar-Kochba and pos- sessed it for three years. Then the Romans forced

their overwhelming way in, to devastate it even more calamitously and establish on its site a Roman garri- son town, styled "Aelia Ca- pitolina" of pagan temples and imperial statues, of baths and forums. Jews were forbidden entry.

When the Byzantine em- peror, Constantine the Great (306-337), proclaimed Christianity as the creed of the empire, the old name of Jerusalem was restored. Constantine purged it of the last vestiges of idolatry and set up a complex of church- es. Byzantine dominion thereafter lasted 300 years. Then, in 614, Jerusalem was captured by the Persians. In whose ranks fought Jewish volunteers from all over

Palestine. Within eight years, it was again in Chris- tian hands, only to overcome by Caliph Omar in 638.

So began three and a half centuries of Moslem con- trol. The Moslems look up- on Jerusalem as the third of their holy cities, after Mec- ca and Medina. They built mosques in the bounds of the Temple precincts.

Jerusalem was to change hands yet a few more times. The crusaders ravaged through the land in the 12th century. In 1265 the Mama- lukes took over; only to be conquered by the Ottoman Turks in 1517. It was under their rule that the walls which to this day surround the city (the Old City) were built. Not until the 19th cen-

tury was the first residential quarter (Yemin Moshe) founded outside the Old City, as the Jewish population had been rising exceedingly.

With the advent of World War I, Jerusalem was oc- cupied by the Allies, and in 1922 Britain was granted a mandate over Palestine. British rule continued until 1948 when the State of Is- rael was proclaimed.

Jerusalem, naturally, be- came the capital of the new state. The city flourished as the proud home of Israel's state institutions and many other national and cultural foundations.

But during the War of In- dependence Jerusalem suf- fered an ugly fate, as the barriers were set up divid-

ing the city. The Old City remained in Arab hands. Once again the Jews were denied access to their Holy City.

Finally, 20 years later, June 1967, the border be- tween East and West Jeru- salem was abolished. For the first time in two dec- ades Jews were able to pray at the Western Wall.

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This statement was released by Aharon Yadin, secretary-general of the Israel Labor Party, and member of the Knesset, in advance of the Canadian national convention of the Labor Zionist Movement, which opened in Montreal this week. Yadin will be a principal speaker at the gathering which some 300 delegates are expected to attend. He will address a public meeting on the topic 'The Future of Israel'. At a closed session of delegates and alternates he will discuss Israel's internal political situation.

Yadin's statement goes on to say, "It is axiomatic to the basic principles of Zionism -- and the state of Israel is a prime expression of Zionism -- that Jews and Arabs will co-exist in the Middle East. The state of Israel is the Jewish state but this does not preclude citizens who are not Jews from enjoying full and equal rights."

Convention delegates are on hand for both the Labor Zionist convention as well as the National Histadrut convention which will immediately follow. They come from all major Canadian cities, including Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, and represent Farband-LZA, Pioneer Women, Poale Zion, Habonim, Histadrut Leagues, Trade-Union, and affiliated schools.



Avraham Avidar of Israel's foreign ministry

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'Syria will come to terms'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO - A senior Israeli diplomat predicts Syria will eventually come to terms with Israel on a separation of forces on the Golan Heights.

In an exclusive interview with The Canadian Jewish News, Avraham Avidar, the assistant director general of the ministry of foreign affairs for information and Diaspora affairs, explained that Syria will enter into a disengagement agreement because the Israeli army is so close to Damascus.

"It is difficult to foresee even a separation of forces," he said, "but the realities of the present situation are such that even Assad will agree to disengagement."

Avidar, a veteran diplomat who has served his country in the United States and in Eastern Europe, was here last week to attend a State of Israel Bonds dinner at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Green.

Avidar warned it would be foolish to expect that a genuine peace treaty will be signed between Israel and Syria, adding that "peace is still far away."

Avidar stressed that Israel is prepared to compromise with the Syrians to the

extent of evacuating the territories the Israel defence forces took in the October war.

Asked to comment about the prospects of an Israeli-Jordanian settlement, Avidar conceded that this may prove to be the most complex issue facing Israel.

He said that the Israeli government will have no difficulty in "sitting down" with a Jordanian delegation but that it was not ready to do so with the militant Palestinian Arabs. "We won't negotiate with a party that wants to destroy us."

In his address to the Bonds function, Avidar stated that a weak Israel is an incentive to the Arabs to launch another war.

"A militarily strong and economically viable Israel will discourage the Arabs," he maintained.

Illustrating his point, Avidar argued that if the IDF had not crossed the Suez Canal, President Sadat of Egypt would have rejected a cease-

fire and prisoner of war exchange.

Avidar declared that Israel's greatest achievement is that she has never stopped building a country, in conditions of total democratic freedom, in spite of four wars and continual military tension.

He emphasized that one of Israel's most important tasks is the absorption of new immigrants. "If Israel closes its doors to immigration, it would be a betrayal to the Jewish people and to Jewish history."

Disclosing that 350,000 immigrants have come to Israel since the Six Day War, Avidar reminded the audience that the cost of absorbing a family of four ranges from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

"You cannot expect the people of Israel to shoulder the burden of the war alone," he said, revealing that the October war has cost the economy \$7 billion to date. "This is the job of the Jewish people."

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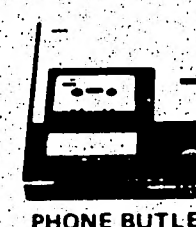
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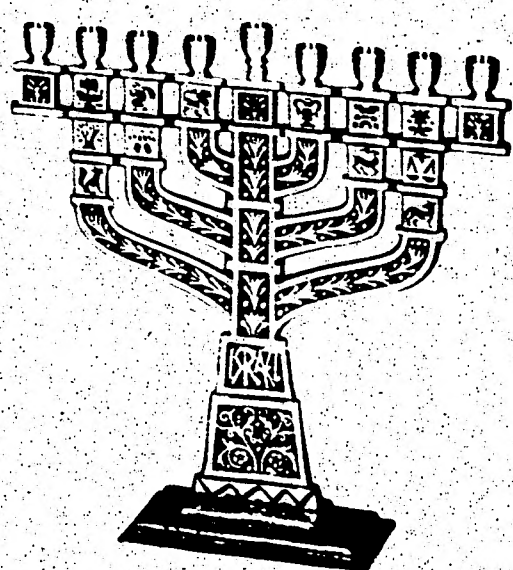


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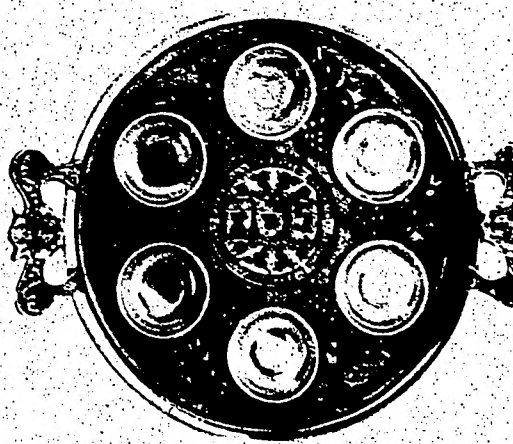
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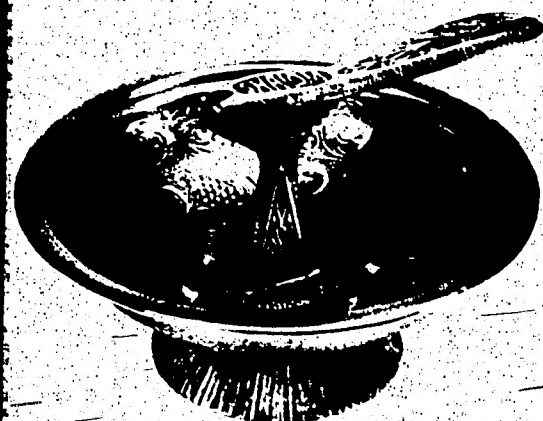
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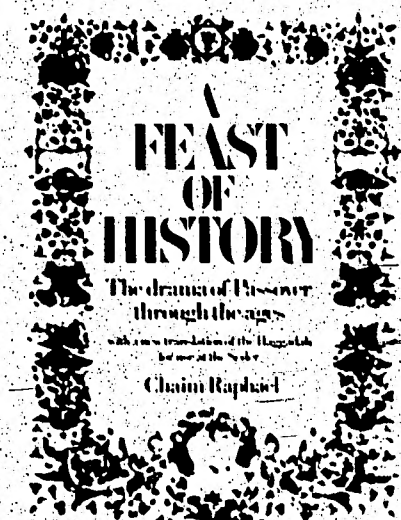


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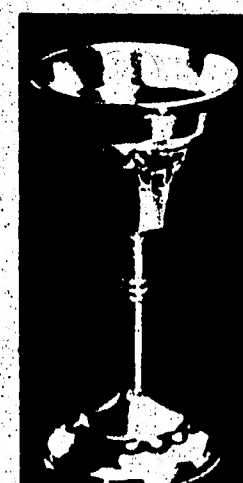
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Representative of Upper Canada Lodge No. 1618, B'nai B'rith, presented a contribution to Hebrew University officials on their recent visit to Israel. The Toronto Regional Council of BB has undertaken to provide funds for the dedication of the auditorium of the New Hillel House at the university. From left are university vice-president Bernard Cherrick, president Avraham Harman, Rabbi Jack Cohen and from Toronto Mr. and Mrs. Chasin and Dr. Philip Martin. Harman will be in Toronto May 29 to address the university's annual meeting here.

Ontario areas launch UIA appeal

Responding to the economic crisis caused by the Yom Kippur War and its ensuing conflict, a number of Ontario communities have already launched vigorous United Israel Appeal campaigns aimed at raising 10% more than the regular 1973 campaign and emergency drive combined.

St. Catharines, a 170-family community which recently participated in the UIA Study Mission to Israel, reports it has already surpassed all previous totals. "In response to the critical situation in Israel," announced

Kelly Granek, campaign chairman, "we will achieve a goal greater than the Yom Kippur emergency campaign."

Another community that sent delegates on the UIA Mission and subsequently set a goal in excess of both 1973 campaigns, 120-family Oshawa is actively engaged in this pursuit. While the men's division, co-chaired by Lewis Sklar, Harry Finer and Hersh Nichols will launch their drive May 13, the women's campaign began April 30. Israeli high school teacher Mrs. Gail Aricha spoke at a recent gathering of the di-

vision, chaired by Mrs. Joyce Glazier.

"The situation demanding more commitment from world Jewry," will also be met by North Bay's 40-family community, said campaign chairman Ben Herman, who assured this year's contributions will be up.

Co-operation shown by women of the Niagara Peninsula, St. Catharines, Welland, and Port Colborne women's divisions have been praised by Mrs. Cecily Peters, Ontario Region women's division chairwoman. An inter-city luncheon May

15 will officially begin their campaign.

Jack Rosen, a prominent Kitchener-Waterloo area businessman, chairman of the division's campaign, hopes to wind up a record-breaking campaign in just seven days, May 15-22. The community's women "will respond in their own right," said Mrs. Charlotte Levine and Mrs. Ruth Joseph, co-chairman for the past two

years. Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rothberg, who recently returned from participating in the John Diefenbaker - Jewish National Fund Mission to Israel, told 65-family Brantford community's annual campaign evening: "There is a tremendous feeling among Israelis for the financial and moral support of world Jewry in this hour of need."

Beth Tikvah provides phone help

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO -

Do you have an urgent problem? Need someone to talk to? It's 2 a.m. and you don't know where to turn?

If you are a member of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, all you have to do is dial the synagogue number, ask for the crisis centre, and you will be put in touch with someone who can help you -- a psychiatrist, lawyer, or the rabbi, depending on what's troubling you.

Or even if your problem arises during regular 9-5 business hours, but you don't wish to discuss it with your family physician or legal adviser -- that's where the crisis centre comes in.

Crisis centres are nothing new in this modern-day world. Urban centres of any significant size provide some kind of service for those in trouble.

But a crisis centre in a synagogue is something new. Well, not exactly new. As Beth Tikvah Rabbi Herbert Feder says, it harkens back

to the old days when the synagogue was the centre of everything in Jewish life.

In today's language that means "the congregational family is a community and as a community it should provide opportunities for people in trouble," he told *The Canadian Jewish News*.

The program focuses on the role of the rabbi who is looked to for all answers. It was initiated by psychiatrist Jerry Cooper and lawyer Barry Swadron, who head up a volunteer committee of professionals (physicians, social workers, accountant, insurance agent), all Beth Tikvah members, to provide back-up technical expertise when necessary.

Not only that, the centre fills the gap of that "no one cares" attitude sometimes felt in large congregations. It's a matter of "you are your brother's keeper," of members helping each other.

"Besides, it is difficult to separate spiritual needs from emotional needs," says Dr. Cooper, chief psychiatrist at York-Finch General

Hospital. "And the synagogue should be relevant to the needs of its members."

Just what are some of these needs the centre expects to deal with?

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"If we can avert one tragedy, it will be worth it," says Dr. Cooper who hastens to add that the centre in no way competes with existing community services, but rather complements what is going on in this area.

The telephone is manned during the day by synagogue staff and at night by an answering service. The person taking the call has a list of

committee members and makes contact with the proper resource person.

Only on-the-spot, stop-gap assistance is given to meet the immediate emergency. If long-term counselling is needed, the "client-patient" is referred to the proper agency or resource person.

There is, of course, no charge for the service, which is limited to the congregation, although executive director Sam Fox says they are prepared to advise other synagogue groups who may be interested in setting up a similar project.

So far there have been no crisis calls and Swadron admits they are not sure if the centre is going to do well. But "if there is a need, we can fill it," he says.

One thing is certain, however -- if the synagogue can provide a feeling for people, then the synagogue is a success. At least that's what Dr. Cooper says, and who would argue with a psychiatrist?

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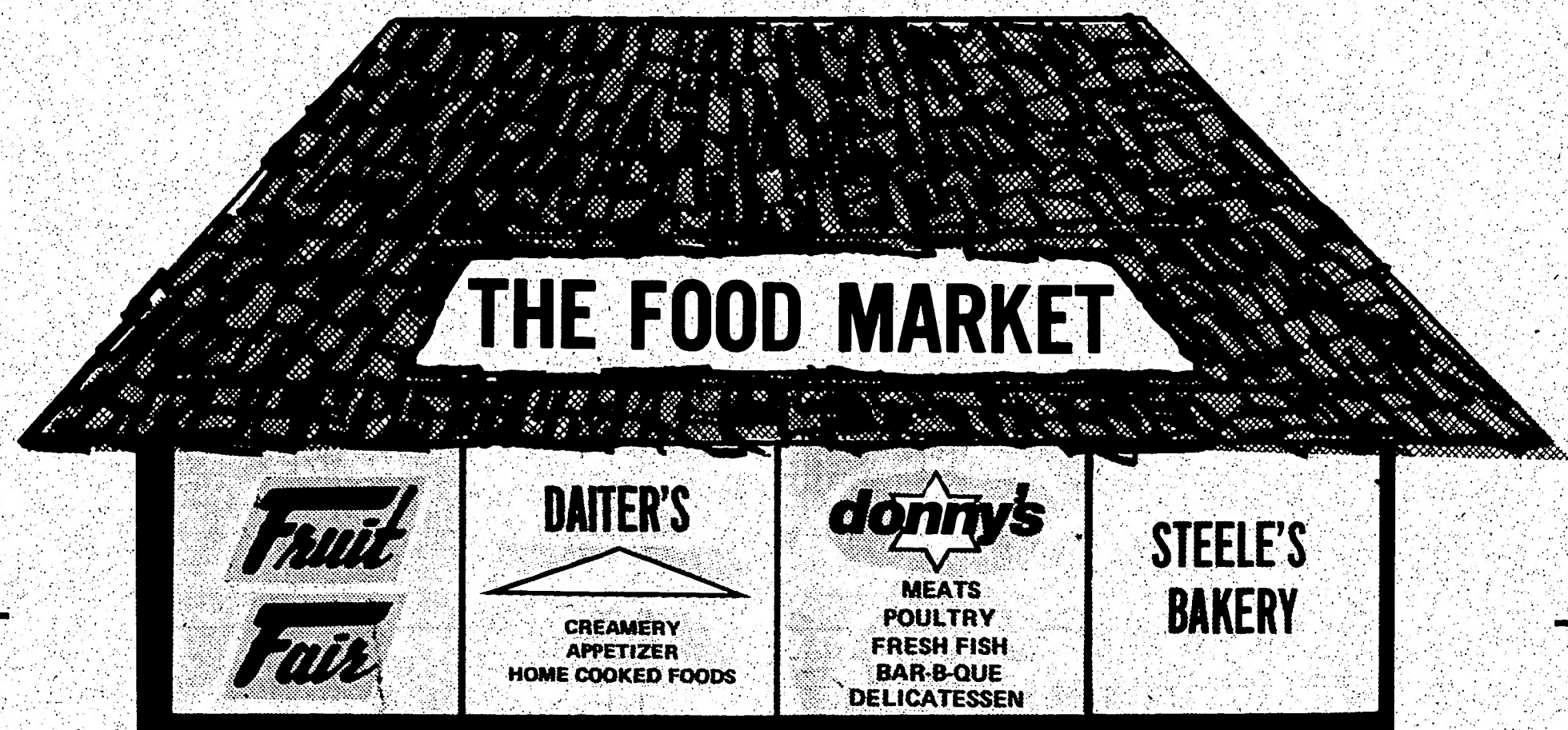


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Arts



Artist Robert Helman (right) talks to French Consul General Pierre Lunet about one of his paintings, which was on display at a recent show at the Kar Gallery. Helman identifies himself with the reality of the forest, out of which comes the diversity of shades and accents from the darkest shadow to the most intense light. Toronto engineer and art lover, Leon Katz hosted a reception in his home for the Romanian-born artist. (Gadi Hoz photo)

Temporarily-retired performer enjoys his new role as producer

theatre

By LYNN SLOTKIN

When you think of theatre producers you conjure up images of slick, trim, matter-of-fact businessmen in expensive clothes. Enter Paul Hoffert — easy-going, stocky with the beginnings of a paunch, boots, faded jeans, a kind of Indian shirt, a cherub face, longish hair except on top where it's needed, and a Fu Manchu moustache — the producer of *Hey Justine!* at the Global Village Theatre. He is also one of the founding members of the incredibly successful rock group, Lighthouse.

Hoffert has had a varied and interesting life, which started in Brooklyn, New York. His interest in music



Paul Hoffert, performer turned producer

developed early. At 16 he was writing music and performing with various groups. At 17 he released his first album. He also found time to earn a degree in physics, as well as run an electronics company for a year and a half.

When he was asked if he got any opposition from his family such as the 'line', "What's a nice Jewish boy want to be a musician for?"

he said instinctively, "Do you mean my father?" Oh sure... Now I think he's happy. Once I became semi-famous it all makes sense.

Hoffert went on to tell an anecdote that his mother-in-law told him. She was in a cab and was talking about her daughter with the driver. Taking his cue, the driver asked, "What does your son-in-law do for a living?" she replied, "He's a musician." "That's nice, but what does he do for a living?" asked the driver. The lady retorted, "He's a musician." The driver gave her the classic response, "As long as they're happy."

In 1968 he moved up the ladder of success, when he and friend Skip Prokop formed the band, Lighthouse. When asked why he eventually left the fabulously successful group, Hoffert said, "I didn't leave Lighthouse. I temporarily retired as a performer. Being away from his family (he and his wife Brenda have two sons) and involvement with other projects were the deciding

factors in his temporary retirement. He still writes music — he recently completed the score for a new movie starring Michael J. Pollard — and performing again is not an impossibility, but presently there are his other projects to occupy his time, projects like *Hey Justine!*.

Hoffert had no desire to be a theatre producer, but writers Elizabeth and Robert Swerdlow (his grandfather was a leading member of the Yiddish theatre in Canada) had other plans. They had returned to Canada after the New York success of their show, *Love Me, Love My Children* (it was called *Justine* in Toronto before it went to New York), and they needed a producer for their new show *Hey Justine!*. They called Hoffert because they felt there was a lack of good theatrical producers in Toronto, and he was the answer.

At first he refused, "I have enough trouble trying to produce rock and roll records." But the following week he and his wife went to a backers meeting, heard the score and immediately backed the show. The idea is to produce a top quality, slick entertaining show. If it is successful, the possibility of other ventures is very real.

When asked if he had any long range plans, Hoffert said, "I see myself as a person who becomes involved in projects as they come up and as they interest me. I really don't have a set pattern or goal in doing anything, as I have a goal in fulfilling my life as a person." He's quite successful at that; the cabdriver's wish projects were the deciding

Rich, earthy, Barkin's voice sparks concert

music

By RICK KARDONNE

For Cantor Jacob Barkin of Southfield, Michigan, (northwest of Detroit), who just turned 60, it is a day commemorating 60 years worth of exceptional skill and musical wisdom, which he aptly demonstrated during a very high quality cantorial concert at Beth Shalom Synagogue. His rich, earthy, baritone voice reverberated through the packed auditorium and immediately drew favorable attention. And no wonder: his first selection, J. Engel's *Oso Boker*, a natural combination of classical Jewish liturgy and Hindemith-type harmonic progressions, was one of the most interesting cantorial pieces I have heard in a long time. Following this selection, Cantor Barkin performed a beautiful rendition of two works by M. Helfman, *Sh'ma Koleyenu* and *Im Eshkachech*.

But the entire concert provided equal high spots from all of the six cantors who performed. Cantor Louis Danto's rendition of *Whol-Zalis' Hayom Haras Olom* was a marvelously subtle blend with the Beth Shalom choir, under the direction of Harvey Bornstein. His own composition *Rachem No* has a distinct melodic line which

should establish it as a landmark in contemporary Jewish liturgy. The major strength of Cantor Moshe Taube (of Pittsburgh) is his diversification of vocal style; following G. Rodriguez' *Chey Tzion*, which he sang in a Mediterranean operatic bravado, he then performed with equal familiarity the tenderly mournful Chassidic-style nigun of L. Weiner.

Cantor Ephraim F. Rosenberg also ranks right up there as one of the greats of our time, beginning with L. Goldenberg's charming *Hechalil*, which has a Debussy-type flavor, followed by the modern Yiddish ballad *Zey Gezunt Mame* by D. Lerner, concerning the anxieties and fears of an Israeli soldier about to go off to war, told to his mother. Cantor David Kushevitsky, who completed the program, was in outstanding form, as he performed his own original vocal arrangement of M. Rappoport's *Yerushalayim*, followed by Sholom Secunda's *Fregyt di Velt* — a Kashe and J. Schorr's meaningful *Hatey*.

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A corporation president exults: "My day starts between 4:30 and 5 a.m. I have five full time secretaries. I have seven swing girls who work for me part time."

George Allan, head coach

of the Washington Redskins, insists: "The main thing is to win. That's what the game is for... You have to be number one whether it's football, or selling insurance, or anything."

After charting her decline from call girl to street walker, a prostitute asserts: "As a bright, assertive woman I had no power... as a cold, manipulative hustler I had a lot. Most women are taught to become what they act. All I did was act out the reality of American womanhood."

These are some of the typical responses that Studs Terkel elicited — with the help of his unfailing tape recorder — from the 150 or so persons whom he interviewed over a three year period. The author who conducts a daily radio program in Chicago and who is widely known for his two previous books: *Hard Times* and *Division St.*, America asked two basic questions: "What do you do all day? Do you

like your work?"

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Violation of rights is said worldwide

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL — World renowned human rights advocate Rene Cassin recently told an audience at the Canadian Jewish Congress that there is no region in the world which does not violate fundamental human rights.

He added, however, that Jewish conscience calls on each man "to continue the struggle for the freedom of all, to not accept any compromise in the name of a national or ideological struggle."

Cassin, president of the International Institute of Human Rights, president of Alliance Israelite Universelle, and the 1968 Nobel Peace Prize winner, made his remarks as an inaugural speech of a three-day colloquium on Judaism and Human Rights at McGill University.

The international meeting, which brought together more than 100 judges, lawyers, academicians, political scientists and human rights specialists from Canada, the United States, France, Mexico and Israel, is expected to be the first in a series that will examine the contributions of various religious groups to the development of human rights concepts.

The colloquium was jointly sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights of the American Jewish Committee, the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, and the International Institute of Human Rights.

A short, sturdy man of 87 years, Cassin declared that "there is no region of the world that is exempt from the taint of violence, no continent that does not offer the spectacle of the violation of fundamental liberties."

Discussing the forms these violations take on the various continents, he was especially harsh in condemning Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Citing the "interminable armed conflicts" in the Asiatic world, he deplored the fact that they have been conducted with total disregard of the principles of the Geneva Convention.

"They make war in these countries not to settle an argument by force, but to destroy the other side completely."

The Middle East, he continued, is suffering under the oppression of "hardly masked slavery of entire populations under the heavy hand of despotic administrations that have no other concern than the well being of potentates."

"The Jews were the first people in the modern world to teach that the fundamental value of civilization lay in the essence of the individual. The fundamental texts of Judaism proclaim that man is the ultimate end of creation."

He also pointed out that the "particular history of the Jews has led them to respect the right to life above all."

Cassin declared that the kind of mismanagement on the part of African governments was hard to understand since they have suffered both slavery and colonial exploitation and might be expected to be even more aware than other regions of the need to respect human rights.

In Europe, he stated, "countries that founded the liberal traditions of the West have presented the spectacle of the most incredible barbarism, and even today military dictators pretend to assure the well being of their people while subjecting them to regimes of anti-democratic oppression."



Home economist Bea Hoschander (left) and Cynthia Gasner test food while preparing the new Kashruth directory put out by the Orthodox division, Canadian Jewish Congress. Mrs. Gasner was a consultant in production of the directory. (David Groskind)

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By ROCHELLE CARR

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This statement introduces the new Kashruth Directory provided as a public service by the Orthodox division of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region. Unlike past directories that changed only by additions and deletions of products available, this directory has assumed a totally different format in an attempt to meet the needs of producers, retailers, and consumers.

"We have tried to be informative," explained Mrs. Cynthia Gasner, who was a consultant to the Orthodox division in the compilation of the 1974-1975 directory. As an example, she pointed out that within the 45-page directory they have included such information as what the federal kosher law has to say, how to kosher meats, what is kosher fish and what "pareve" means.

The directory, which took six months to put together, will be available, free of charge, to the public this month. As well as containing a very readable listing of the numerous packaged products bearing the COR label (COR denotes products that are under the supervision of the Orthodox division of the CJC, Central Region), the directory also lists everything from butcher shops to hotels to catering establishments to summer camps, under their supervision.

It was the aim of Mrs. Gasner and those working with her to enhance the readability of the directory through pictures, illustrations and concise introductions preceding each section. As well, Mrs. Gasner had a home economist work with her who helped prepare such recipes as pareve mock kishke, beef stroganoff (made with pareve whipped cream) and mock shrimps, all of which are included in the directory.

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ducts available, the home-maker can make an almost unlimited variety of foods, including gourmet cooking," Mrs. Gasner pointed out.

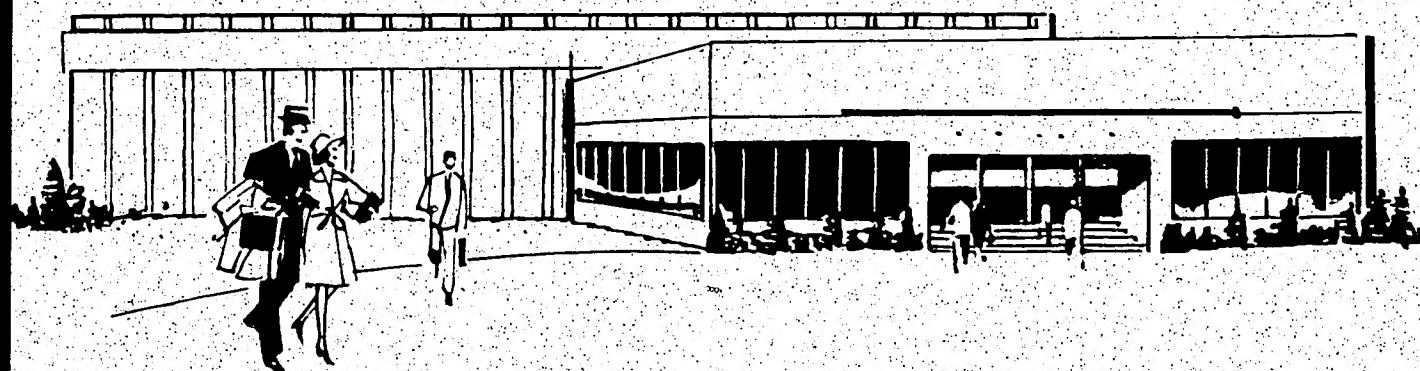
But, she also noted that the chemicals of all these products must be verified to be kosher. "Men such as Nachman Shemen and Rabbi Gedalia-Feldner, executive director and chairman, respectively, of the Orthodox division of the CJC, Central

Region, are kept very busy making use of their knowledge in halacha in checking these modern ingredients," said Mrs. Gasner.

Throughout her six months work on the directory, she was gratified to see the increasing interest in keeping kosher, particularly among young people. "Wherever I went, people were desirous of obtaining more information on kashruth."

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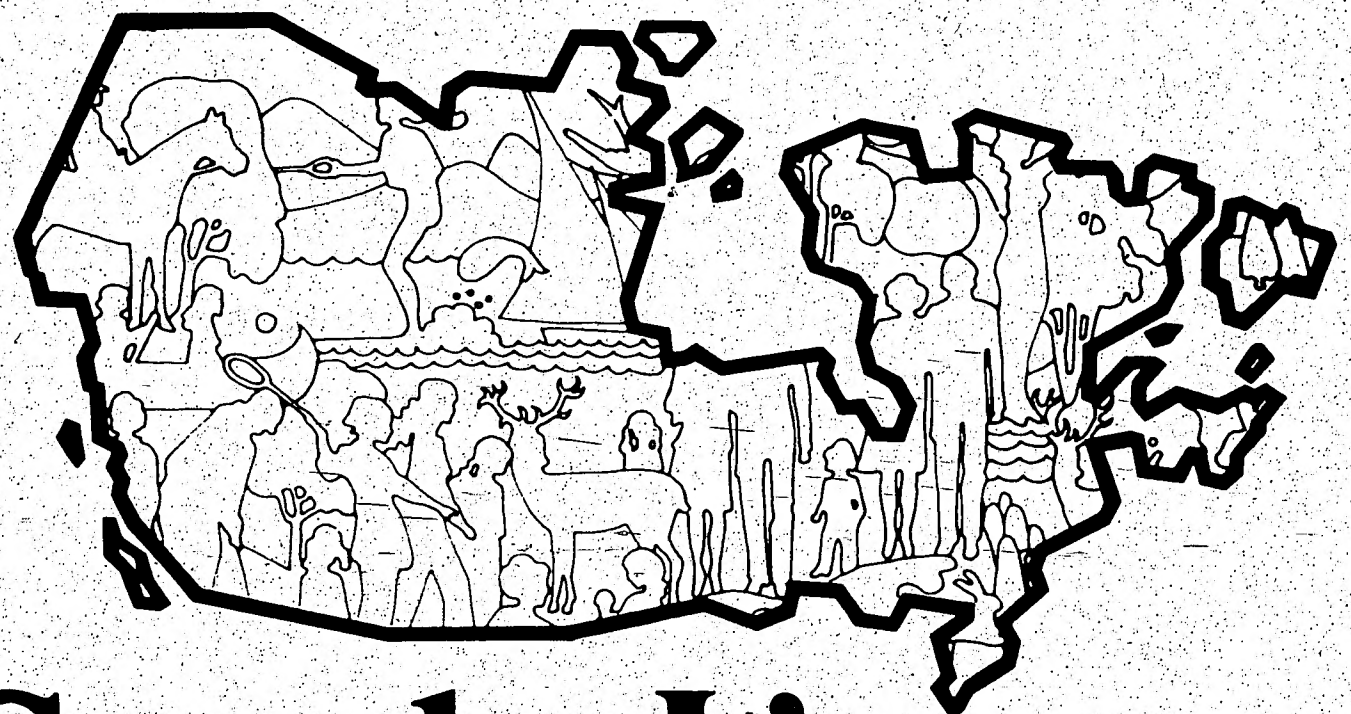
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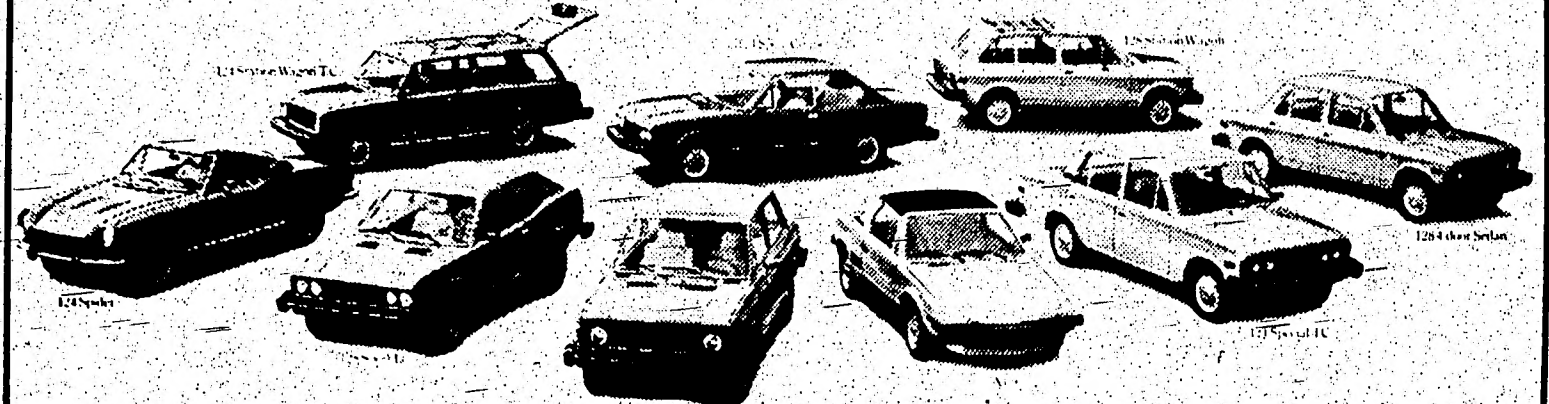
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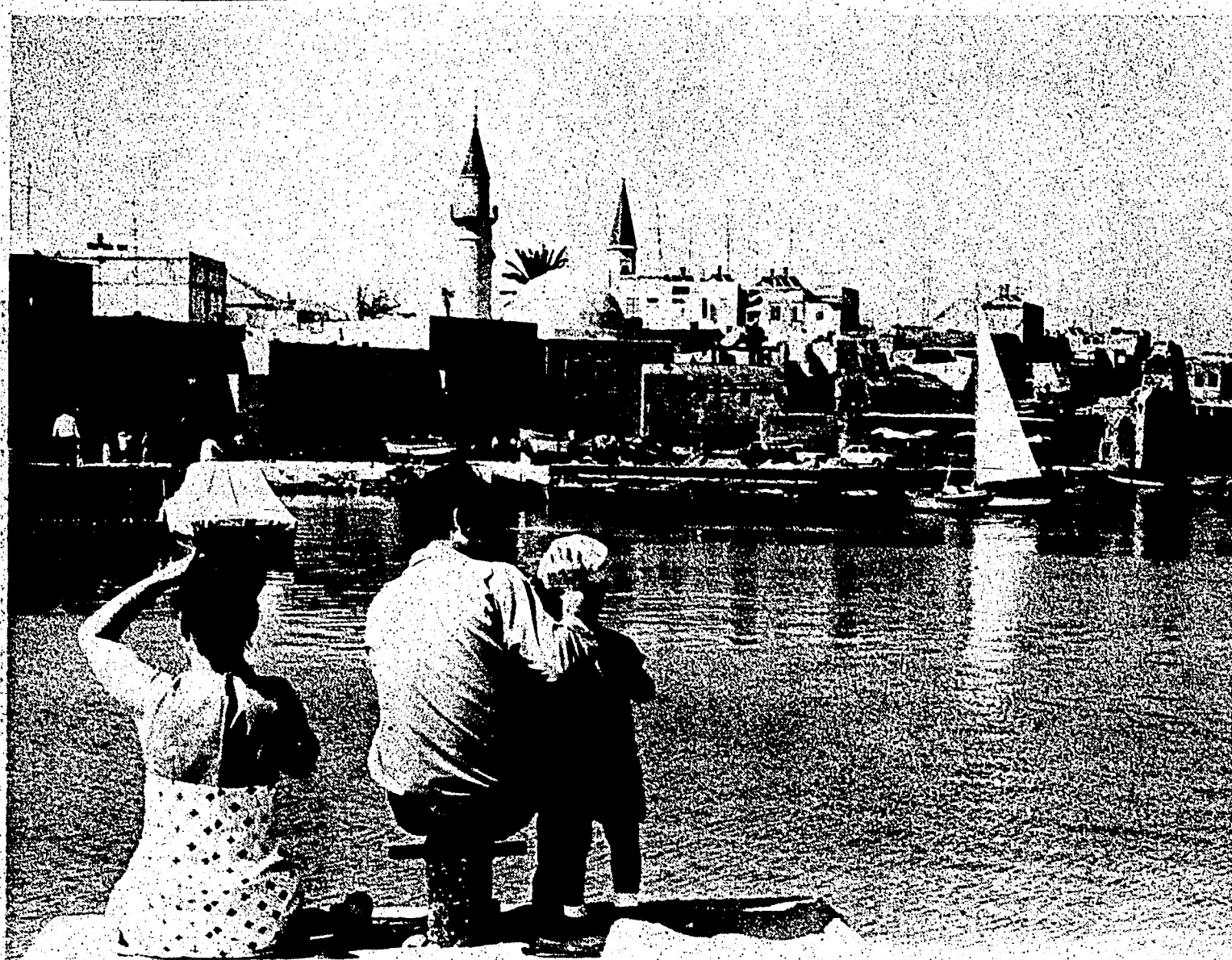
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Israel launches massive campaign to restore popularity of tourism

JERUSALEM

When the S. S. Neptune glided to her berth at Haifa Port, over 150 Christian pilgrims became the first foreign tourists to arrive in Israel after the brief Yom Kippur War. "We never dreamed of by-passing the Holy Land," said one. They were determined to pray at the Holy places and even contributed money to the Israel Soldier Welfare Society.

One of the first industries to make the transition from emergency to normalcy was tourism. Indeed, tourism never ceased entirely even during the war. Scores of foreign visitors remained in Israel to complete their scheduled visits, a number over-staying to volunteer their services to various civilian duties.

Hotels and restaurants remained open, although the mobilization necessarily reduced the manpower available. Tourists realized what Israelis knew for many years that the war was being fought far away from the centre of Israel, where the major tourist sites are located. The cities and villages of Israel were not physically affected by war and life continued normally.

Foreign visitors marvelled at the fact that side-walk cafés in Tel Aviv were doing brisk business and even the blackout could not keep some of Tel Aviv's night spots shut.

Throughout the emergency El Al, Israel's national airline, maintained full service to and from Israel, carrying hundreds of tourists as well as Israelis returning home to

join their units. As soon as the ceasefire became effective, foreign airlines resumed normal schedules to and from Lod International Airport. The internal airline is back to pre-war full schedule.

In order to spur tourism, Israeli hotels are now offering attractive rates to overseas visitors, some of them slashing prices as high as 20%. More orders are pouring in as it becomes clear that life is returning to normalcy.

The Israel Ministry of Tourism has embarked on a massive campaign encouraging visitors to carry out previous plans of visiting Israel, and telling the general travelling public that now that the emergency is over, there are many attractions in Israel. Visitors can see and feel a new spirit of unity and determination which marks Israel these days. They can also feel a new spirit of optimism prevailing the population as the chances for a permanent peace looms larger.

Israel leaders have stressed the idea that a visit to Israel these days, especially on the part of overseas Jews, is another form of identification with Israel at the time of national test. Scores of groups representing many Jewish organizations have already announced their arrival dates and many others are now in the

process of organizing their trips.

One of the first facilities to be quickly reconstructed, is the ski lift on Mount Hermon. This place was one of the first to fall to the Syrian army on the day of the assault against Israel. It was re-occupied by the Israeli army on the last day of the war, and the operators of the ski lift promise full service in a few weeks.

Other sites, on the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea and the Red Sea were not affected at all by the war and their resorts are in full operation. Many are offering special rates to demobilized Israeli soldiers and their families, thus mingling the veterans with overseas guests.

On the eve of the Yom Kippur War, Israel was beginning to add up the tourist figures for 1973. It promised to be a very good year with some 750,000 tourists. The war has naturally reduced the flow, but Israelis

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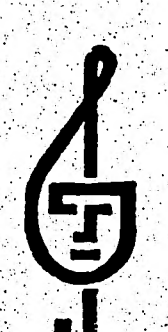
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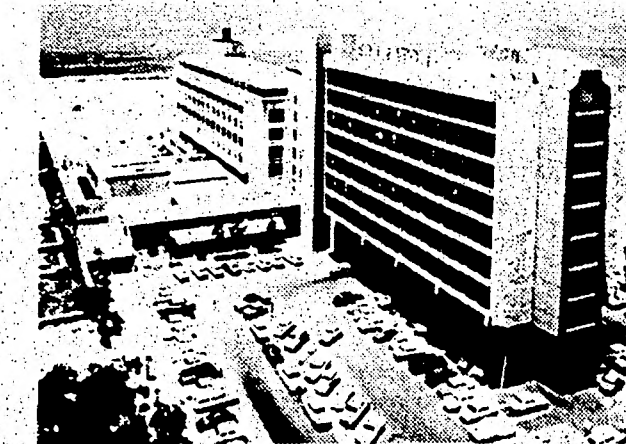
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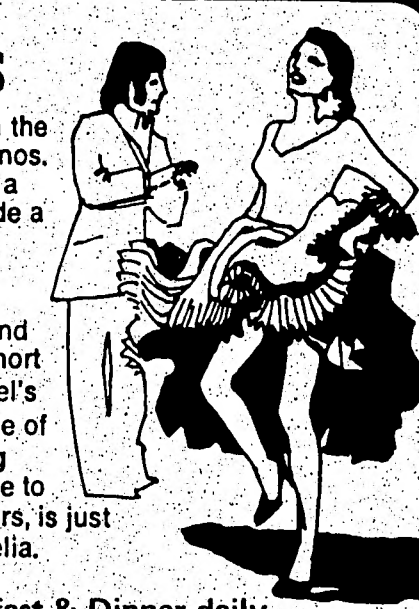
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Rose Torno (left), founding president of the Women's Auxiliary of Mount Sinai Hospital, chats with Libby Hoffman, the current president at the auxiliary's 20th annual meeting. Man in the middle is Monty Simmonds, Mount Sinai Hospital president. The Rose Torno bursary was presented to Paula Gordon at the meeting. (Gadi Hoz photograph)

'Future hospitals won't function in isolation'

Mt. Sinai's initiative praised

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO - Mount Sinai Hospital is a good example of an institution that "provides initiative in innovative methods," praised Dr. Kenneth C. Charron, chairman of the Ontario Council of Health and a past vice-president of the American Public Health Association.

Speaking at the 20th annual meeting of the Mount Sinai Hospital's Women's Auxiliary, Dr. Charron noted that

the hospital of the future will not function in isolation, a principle that Mount Sinai has already adopted. He noted, for example, that Mount Sinai has an ambulatory centre, a family practice unit within the hospital and community health agencies that operate within the hospital. As well, Mount Sinai is providing medical care for the new home for the Chinese aged, sends doctors from its department of psychiatry to confer with staffs of downtown public schools and is

co-operating with Toronto General and Women's College Hospitals in a diabetic program.

According to Dr. Charron, there are four primary forces acting on the hospital system: advances in health systems, attitudes and relationships in health systems and changes in the social structure and in the public's attitude.

Referring to the last named point, he emphasized that the public will continue to play an increasing role in our health services. He explained that the public is becoming aware that ready availability and accessibility does not refer only to isolated areas in the country, but also to the metro downtown core.

The Mount Sinai Women's Auxiliary has also made plans to meet the needs of the hospital of the future. Mrs. Libby Hoffman, president of the Women's Auxiliary, reaffirmed to the women attending the luncheon meeting at Temple Sinai, their organization's pledge to raise \$1,000,000 for research, as well as to double their membership and increase the number of volunteers in the hospital. In this regard, a \$75,000 cheque was presented to Bertram Gerstein, representing the

board.

During the meeting a \$2,000 Rose Torno bursary for medical and paramedical research (in honor of the founding president of the Women's Auxiliary) was presented to Paula Gordon, a second-year science student at the University of Toronto, who plans a career in medicine. An education bursary for \$5,000 was presented to Gerald P. Turner, executive director of Mount Sinai, for continuing education in new techniques for hospital staff.

Art exhibition held by prisoner

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

Boris Penson is having an exhibition of his paintings at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, but the young artist is unable to attend.

Penson is creatively paralyzed inside a Soviet prison camp for being a "Jewish activist."

"We are used to the arts as media for self-expression, to appeal to the senses," said Sol Boltz, program director for the Canadian Jewish Congress' Eastern Region, "but in the Soviet Union, art is also used to depict political frustration."

"His paintings protest the inhumanity of a system which subdues the individual will to survive outside the system."

Penson, 27, was born in Tashkent, but moved to Riga at the age of 14 where he studied at the studio of Simon Gilberg. In 1956 his father was sentenced to seven years hard labor during the notorious wave of "economic trials." His young son was next.

When Boris Penson was 17, a former girlfriend made false accusations against him, as a result, he was sentenced to five years hard labor.

Some 3 1/2 years later he was released. He then became attracted to the Jewish national movement and Israel. Penson and his family asked for exit visas but were refused.

Letters to Soviet and international bodies were fruitless until, finally, in

1970, he was arrested and accused along with other Jews at the famous Lenin-grad Hijack Trials.

He now serves 10 years hard labor in a Soviet prison camp. His father died last year and his mother is seriously ill.

"The majority of his work was confiscated by the KGB while others were labelled anti-artistic by the KGB experts," said Boltz. "His friends managed to save some, hide them and smuggle them out of Russia."

One description of his paintings states: "Penson's paintings, although not yet fully ripened, have a strong impact because of the artist's sincerity, his striving for total, at times, violent expression, and fine natural gifts."

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In a letter to the Action Committee of Soviet Jewish newcomers in Givatayim near Tel Aviv, Israelis are implored to despatch a flood of material which would constitute a protest against the illegal seizure of mail, and probably help part of the Hebrew material get through.

The letter states that the Soviet authorities want to

prevent the Hebrew-teaching material from entering, so as to isolate Soviet Jews from the rest of the world. It claims that more and more private Hebrew classes are being organized but more teaching aids were needed.

The seizure of mail violates the United Nations Human Rights Charter, the International Postal Convention, and the Soviet Constitution.

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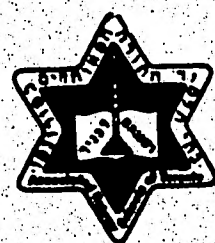
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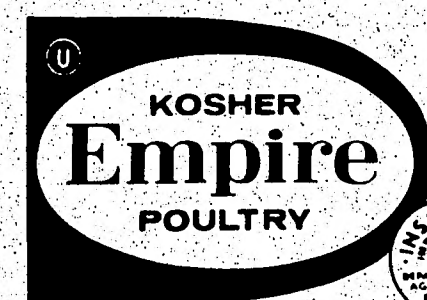
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Old age home, day care centre face money woes as rising inflation erodes fixed incomes

TORONTO -

There have been many reports and much editorial comment about the effect of the rapidly rising cost of living upon people with low fixed incomes. It seems to have been assumed that governments would adjust grants

to solve the problems that inflationary prices create for institutions such as old age homes.

Sam Ruth, executive director of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, says that this is more or less true as far as hospitals are con-

cerned, but not for such services as the 375-bed Jewish Old Age Home and the Baycrest Day Care Centre, which provides programs each week for 193 elderly people who still live in their own homes, or with foster families.

It now costs the Jewish Home for the Aged \$7 more than it gets to care for each patient paying the full cost. Baycrest is allowed to charge only 33%, according to Ruth, can afford full allowable charges, while approximately 35% can contribute nothing but their old age pension towards the \$28 per day that is the Jewish Home for the Aged's actual cost.

The factors that contribute to this cost are similar to those experienced by us all. The cost of sugar rose from \$13 cwt. in 1973 to \$35 cwt. in 1974. Applesauce, used to assist patients and residents who find difficulty in swallowing medication as well as a dietary item, rose from \$5.60 per case in 1973 to \$10.10 per case in 1974. Plastic medicine cups, of which 200 packages of 5,000 are used each month, rose from \$13.35 to \$24.60 per 5,000. Oil for heating rose by 36%.

Many of the arts and crafts materials have increased by 40%-50% over the past year.

How will Baycrest meet these added expenses? From the community? Baycrest hopes to avoid direct appeal for operating expenses. It looks to its lottery to provide at least \$130,000, much of which can be utilized for this purpose. The last two lotteries netted \$119,000 in 1972 and \$94,500 in 1973 for development of care for the aged. This year's lottery, according to lottery chairman Murray Biback, has already grossed far more than the basic costs.

"Every penny from each ticket we are now selling for direct assistance to Baycrest in what is a very difficult year, financially speak-

ing," said Biback. He said that Ontario Consumer Minister John Clement, who presented prizes at the 1972 Baycrest Lottery draw, praised the Baycrest Lottery for keeping expenses minimal and realizing a 58% profit towards the cost of comprehensive care for the aged.

This year, External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp will assist in drawing Baycrest Lottery tickets on the Draw date, May 28th. Metro Chairman Paul Gaffney, Ontario MPP Vernon Singer and North York Alderman Esther Shiner will also participate.



Baycrest resident Blume Cogan works on a paper mache sculpture during an arts and crafts program at the Baycrest Centre. Cost of materials has increased 50% this year.

Two old synagogues to close in London

LONDON (JCN) -

Two of London's 70-year-old synagogues, both of which played a prominent part in the earlier life of Anglo-Jewry are to close at the end of the year. They are the Brondesbury and Stoke Newington synagogues. The final decision that these synagogues will disappear from the London scene was made at a meeting of the United Synagogue Council where the president, Alfred Woolf reiterated the closure was part of the United Synagogue scheme to re-adjust itself to the demands of a mobile Jewish population.

Male membership at

Brondesbury Synagogue has fallen every year since the war to the present figure of 204 and it is not considered spiritually viable. The synagogue was destroyed by fire in 1967 and rebuilt in the hope that there would be a revival of interest in the congregation and improvement in membership.

Stoke Newington Synagogue, which has already had an extended lease of life -- it was earlier decided to close it in 1972 -- is now considered both spiritually and financially stagnant despite the efforts of a new board of management to save the day.

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that are "recognized for purposes of grants," also by the minister.

Unfortunately, no specific criteria are laid down that would further explain these vague terms.

Daniel Kingstone, chairman of the executive committee of the Jewish People's and Peretz Schools, and the man responsible for much of the heat and emotion that was generated at the March CJC conference, continued at this session to oppose Spiegel's views.

"We're facing an exceptional education system in Quebec -- the confessional (religious-based), Protestant and Catholic system -- which makes no real provision for us, the third religion."

"Our problem is that we have always accepted our designation as a private ethnic school, which we are not... and meanwhile, we are being used by the department of education in the larger problem of English versus French in this province."

The third panelist, David Kirshenblatt, the only English speaking member of the minister of education's

nine-man private education advisory commission, revealed that while there is no problem with government aid to Jewish secondary schools, grants have been refused not solely to Jewish but to all private elementary schools in Quebec.

"This is not a Jewish problem at all, it has been standard policy since 1969. Do not impute malice on the part of officials. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander!" said Kirshenblatt.

He continued: "To request special rights for Jewish schools is both foolish and impolitic... what we're trying to do is to reverse the whole policy."

When concerned parents in the audience asked him what role they could play, Kirshenblatt counselled them to agitate with the mainstream of private education towards making Bill 56 apply to elementary schools too.

But the strategy Kirshenblatt advocates is questionable in view of his own admission that, the advisory commission notwithstanding, the minister of education has absolute discretion regarding the recommenda-

tion of grants.

With the result that, although neither language of instruction nor number of hours are mentioned in Bill 56 as part of any criteria for subvention eligibility, in fact "the government is using linguistic bait-fence us... we're being forced to play the numbers game in terms of language to gain government support," said Spiegel.

He warned: "Meanwhile we're committed to fight for subsidies, but these are short-term games. Even if we can live with today's compromises, pedagogically and financially, what are the assurances for tomorrow?"

His conclusion: "We cannot rely on government funding, but must subvert ourselves."

The strong and positive attitudes expressed at the teach-in by Spiegel in the name of CJC came as a pleasant surprise, particularly to those who witnessed the stormy allegations made against Congress and other community organizations at the CJC conference six weeks ago.

Those were the good old days

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said, anxious to discuss the "funny little things that happened at Harbord."

Magazine writer Tom Alderman is also nostalgic about Harbord: "A special atmosphere of friendship existed at the school where the instructors were bizarre characters who seemed like a bunch of misfits, but were really excellent teachers," he said. "Once in a while, I drive by and say, 'hey, there's good old Harbord.'"

Canadian Civil Liberties Association Director Alan Borovoy said he smiles as soon as Harbord is mentioned.

"The school had some of the most unforgettably zany characters one might ever meet which have provided me with laughs even until today," said Borovoy who graduated in 1950.

It is hoped an alumni association will emerge from the homecoming, something that is extremely rare for high schools. Any revenue

from the \$7.50 admission left after expenses are met will be used to set up an alumni fund, as well as sending out a newsletter to those that attend.

"An alumni association would be a great asset to the school," said Harbord Principal Ralph Haist. "It would create enthusiasm among students, encourage loyalty to the school, provide financial assistance, particularly with scholarships, and help perpetuate our family atmosphere."

Borovoy, however, was hesitant. "To me, Harbord is a memory of good humor," he said. "How do you institutionalize humor?"

While no organized "save the school" movement exists, many graduates do not seem ready to accept the impending demolition.

"I have been speaking to the board (Toronto Board of Education) and it might be postponed a few years," said Nobleman. "I would like to see it preserved as an historical monument."

Mayor White, observing "we are always talking about the preservation of old buildings," said he would like to be assured that the front facade of the building couldn't be preserved in any way.

Haist, meanwhile, has mixed feelings. "There are features of the building I like," he told The CJC, "but a new building would probably serve our needs better. I am not sure, though, that it is a final decision. It may come up again."

And Shime said he would like to see the shell saved and the interior restored. But he was speaking without the facts, he admitted, and "I realize these things can't exist forever on the basis of nostalgia."

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'Y' accused of 'desecration'

Sabbath program criticized

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

MONTREAL

The Y.M.-Y.W.H.A.'s new "Shabbat Shalom" program, created to enhance the Sabbath day, has met with sharp criticism from representatives of Montreal's rabbinic community.

The emphasis of the recently ended five-week program, now up for re-examination, was on quiet relaxation and recreation, as well as on the family use of athletic facilities.

Accordingly, between 2 and 5 p.m. Saturday at the Snowdon Building, there was Israeli singing and dancing; free play in the gym, swimming pool, and handball courts; a quiet room for reading and discussion;

story-telling for younger children; and special cultural events such as the film *The Yom Kippur War*.

But although between 50 to 150 eager people showed up each week, Rabbi Mordechai Zeitz, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, Montreal Region, called the scheduled events "a desecration of the Sabbath."

"What we object to is that there has been no official rabbinic consultation regarding the formulation of the program. To my knowledge no rabbi has ever endorsed or identified completely with it," Rabbi Zeitz declared.

However, Program Director Irving Perlman countered that the 'Y' has no

commitment to any particular religious ideology. Rather, as stated in its leaflet *Policy for Shabbat Programming*, the aim is "to provide a variety of programs that will enable Jews in our community whose practices differ to find a personally satisfying and acceptable level of expression."

Moreover, Perlman claims special Friday evening or Saturday afternoon

programming have been a feature of the 'Y' for years.

"Some are programs specifically designed for Shabbat, and some are the regular ongoing programs that have been judged appropriate for Shabbat -- both types under the existing guidelines set forth by the association."

These guidelines explicitly prohibit the carrying on of commerce or business of any kind by or within the 'Y' on the Sabbath.

Aviani to give concert

By RICK KARDONNE

Since the Yom Kippur War, Israeli pop music has become more inward-looking, reflective, and stronger. So says Sarah Aviani, one of Israel's most popular singers, who will be appearing May 23 in concert at Toronto's Beth Tzedec.

The war marked a key turning point for Israeli pop and folk music. Prior to Oct. 6, Israeli pop songs, tended more and more to imitate Western pop styles, complete with a hard rock 'n' roll beat. The slower music tended to be Latin-influenced. All of this has changed. Now Israeli music has set its own course, an original mixture of traditional Jewish styles and creative introspection. The songs are much sadder, deeper, and funkier.

An example of this new style is Yehoram Gaon's current hit ballad, *The Last War*, about a grandfather (himself a war veteran) who tells his son and grandsons (themselves soldiers in the Yom Kippur War) his desperate hope that the Yom Kippur War will truly be the last war. The other major song, of course, is Naomi Shemer's *Loo y'Hee*, which I reviewed in a previous article. It also conveys this same message.

Ms. Aviani, who entertained troops in the front lines of both the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War, told me about the sharp contrast to the soldiers' morale between the two wars. In the earlier conflict, there was a mood of bravado optim-

ism, as reflected by songs such as *Sharm al Sheikh*. In this one, the mood was one of depression and anger; depression at the tremendous

loss of life and anger at both the Israeli government for unpreparedness and at the whole world for turning its back on us.

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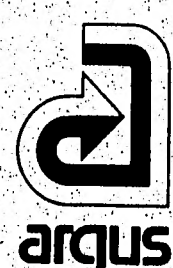
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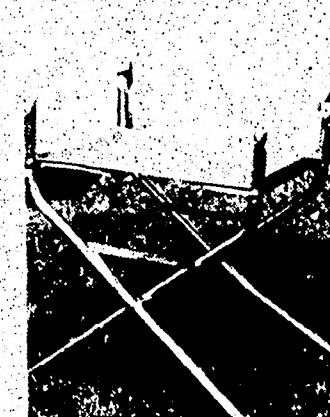
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